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NOTIFICATION NO. 5070

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS AND LAND COMMISSIONER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following nine Ratepayers, having been duly nominated are, in accordance with the terms of Article XVIII of the Land Regulations, considered to be elected as foreign Councillors for the Municipal year 1939:—

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NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that Mr. R. D. K. Silby, having been duly nominated is, in accordance with Article VIA of the Land Regulations, considered to be elected a Land Commissioner for the Municipal year 1939.

By Order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, April 4, 1939.
11930

THE SHANGHAI PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the offices of the Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited, No. 100 Jinkee Road, TO-DAY, April 5, 1939, at 4.30 p.m. Non-members interested are cordially invited to attend.

By Order of the Committee,
A. J. HICKMOTT,
Secretary.
11908

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

This Exchange will be closed for the transaction of business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 7, 8 and 10, 1939.

E. H. PARROTT,
Secretary.
April 4, 1939. 11925

BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, will be held at the offices of the Chamber, 27 The Bund (5th Floor) on Thursday, April 13, 1939, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,
H. F. BAKER, *Secretary.*

CHINA ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the China Association (Shanghai Branch) will be held at the offices of the Association, 27 The Bund (5th Floor) on Thursday, April 13, 1939, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,
H. F. BAKER, *Secretary.*
11916

THE LESTER CHINESE HOSPITAL

The Annual Meeting of Subscribers to The Lester Chinese Hospital will be held at the Hospital Building, 145 Shantung Road, on Tuesday, April 18, 1939, at 5.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by

SIR ROBERT CALDER-MARSHALL, K.B.E.,

All friends of the Hospital are cordially invited to attend.
11929

S. A. I. FORUM

By order of the Board of Directors an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders will take place on April 30, 1939-XVII at 4 p.m. in the premises of the Italian Club, at No. 285 Rue Maresca, Shanghai.

AGENDA

1:—To consider the Shares Capital and pass any deliberation thereon.
2:—To discuss any other matter.

L. RIGGIO,
Managing Director,
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To-day's Events

APRIL

5 Cathedral School Old Boys' Assn. Annual Dinner, Air Defence Club, 8
5 Wheelbarrow strike, Shanghai (1897)

Coming Events

APRIL

6 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
6 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
6 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
6 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture, 5.30
6 B.U.S.C., 'How Wireless Works,' by Capt. St. Louis, at 114 Peking Road at 6
6 Reel Club Dance, Race Club, 9
6 S. M. Orchestra, 1st Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 9.15
8 S.M. Orchestra, 2nd Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 3
8 Ladies' Interport Hockey. Hongkong vs. Shanghai, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
8 B.W.A. Easter Party, 4.15
8 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
9 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
9 Ladies' Interport Hockey. Hongkong vs. The Rest, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
10 Ladies' Interport Hockey, Hongkong vs. The Greens, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
10 'Blue Mazurka,' Light Opera, Lyc., 5.30
11 Cathedral Boys' School Gymkhana, Ascot Riding School, 2.30
11 Anzac Society, Special gen. meeting
11 A.W.C. Literary Dept. meeting, 4.45
11 Interport Dance, Race Club, 9.30
12 Ministering Children's League Bridge and Mahjongg at 85 Ferry Road, 3
12 Annual Meeting of Subscribers of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, 5.30
12 Scouters mtg., 3rd Floor, Foreign Y, 5.30
12 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
12 Piano-Recital by Hans Baer, A.W.C.
13 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
13 S.S.P.C.A. ann. gen. mtg., Beck & Swann, 17 Bund, 5.15
13 British Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting, 27 Bund, 5.15
13 China Association (S'hai Branch) annual general meeting, 27 Bund, 5.15
13 'Chardash Princess,' by E. Kalman, Light Opera with K. Orlovskaya, Lyc., 8.45
14 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum, 5.30
14 B.U.S.C. Supper Dance, W'ter G'den, 8
15 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum, 3
15 'Chardash Princess,' Light Opera, Lyc., 8.45
16 Russian Philatelic Society Spring Bazaar and Exhibition, B.F.R.C., 10-8
16 'Chardash Princess,' Light Opera, Lyc., 8.45
16 A.T.A. presents 'Whose Money,' 'The Eve in Evelyn,' 'A Flower of Yeddo,' at Shanghai Jewish School, 9
17 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, Y.M.C.A., 3
18 A.W.C. Musical Prog. Dupont, 4.45
18 Lester Chinese Hospital, Annual Meeting of Subscribers, 5.30
18 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
19 Violin-Recital by Prof. Wittenberg, American Women's Club, 9
19 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
20 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
20 B.U.S.C., 'Chemical Therapy,' by L. H. Barton, Esq., 114 Peking Rd., 6
20 Concert, Community Church, 9
20 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
21 'St. George's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
22 'St. George's Children's Party, Country Club, 4
22 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
23 'Svengally,' (Trilbi), Lyc. Theatre, 9
25 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
27 K.D.S. Bridge/Mahjongg Tea, Race Club, entrance Mohawk Road, 3
28 B.U.S.C. Annual Meeting at Park Hotel
30 St. Andrew's v. St. George's Soc., Golf Match

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 31 to April 5, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, March 24, 1939.
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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

House Rents:

There Are Good Landlords

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Those who have been writing to your correspondence columns on the subject of certain landlords unduly raising the rents of houses and apartments have to a very large extent only themselves to blame. Besides the suitability of a house or flat to a tenant's needs there is always the question of the past policy of the landlord to be considered. Some of them in the past have not been backward in coming forward when it has been a question of putting up rents. They are well known and should be scrupulously avoided. For there are good landlords. I heard of one only recently, where a tenant's lease had had expired but he was given an option to renew at the old rental. Needless to say he accepted it. Which merely shows there are good and bad landlords. Choose a good one and avoid overcharging.

SATISFIED TENANT.

Shanghai, April 4.

Three Increases!

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—There has been much correspondence in your columns of late in regard to increases in rent, but I don't think any other residents in Shanghai have been so badly hit as the tenants of the Capitol Building.

To cite an instance, the writer occupies a single room, west facing; the monthly rent up to September last was $90 per month, with three increases in seven months bring the rent up to $154.—per month.

Is there a law in Shanghai to restrain the landlords from increasing their rents at will, or could the Shanghai Municipal Council do something in the matter?

LEO.

Shanghai, April 4.

Case for the Landlords

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As you commented editorially in your issue of April 1, 1939, on the subject matter of certain letters from tenants of Verdun Terrace, which have been appearing in the correspondence columns of your paper, we trust you will afford the same publicity to the enclosed circular letter addressed to the tenants, which has been written with a view to clarifying our position.

THE CATHAY LAND CO., LTD.
F. KENDALL,
Acting Manager.

Shanghai, April 4.

To the Tenants
of Verdun Terrace,
Shanghai.

DEAR SIR/MADAM:—

We have received a circular letter, dated March 27, signed by the majority of our tenants of Verdun Terrace, and as certain factors, which prompted the Company's decision again to increase the rents with effect from 1st May, 1939, appear to have been overlooked by all those who were induced to append their signatures thereto, we trust that the following information will clarify the position:—

We wish to point out that:—

1. The monthly rentals of the houses in Verdun Terrace, in the years 1932 and 1934, as some of our older tenants are well aware, ranged from $97.90 (Taels 70.-) to $158.50 (Tls. 100.-), with an average of $108.50 (Taels 77.60) per house.

2. During the three succeeding years, i.e. 1935, 1936, and 1937, a general reduction was made in the rents charged in respect of Verdun Terrace, as well as in all the other foreign style properties owned by the Company, with the result that the average rent paid per house in 1937, in Verdun Terrace, showed a reduction of 32.8 per cent., as compared to the average rent paid during the years 1933 and 1934.

3. The serious depletion in its income, with which the Company was faced in the years 1935, 1936, and 1937, due entirely to the very low rentals which it was forced to accept during that period, resulted in a heavy loss to the Company.

4. In the new scale, coming into force from May 1, 1939, the monthly rentals range from $95.- to $145.-, with an average of $111.87 per house, which actually, in effect, only restores the average rental per house, to approximately the same figure as was charged in 1933 and 1934. One house, with special accommodation to be rented at $180.-, is excluded from these calculations.

5. The net return to the Company on this new scale, taking as a basis the assessed value of the land, plus the present book value of the buildings, is estimated to be approximately 6¾ per cent. per annum, while the Company is obligated to its debenture holders to continue paying them 6 per cent. per annum for money borowed in 1930, 1932, and 1933.

6. Furthermore, several cases have come to our notice in recent months where new tenants have paid substantial amounts to outgoing tenants, virtually as "key money" in order to secure vacant possession of houses in Verdun Terrace, and, in fact, advertisements have appeared from time to time in certain local newspapers, where "key money" was openly offered by prospective tenants who desired to secure vacant possession of one or more of these houses. This tends to prove that the rents being charged were well below those charged by other landlords for similar accommodation.

7. We have every reason to believe that if, at the present time, any of the houses fell vacant we should have no difficulty whatever in reletting for considerably more than we are asking our present tenants to pay.

It should be obvious, therefore, that, in deciding to limit the present increases to approximately the same rents as were readily being paid in 1933 and 1934, we have taken due regard of the fact that some of you have been our tenants for a number of years, otherwise an allround increase might have been made to a figure more in line with what the houses are actually worth at present, and what we have no doubt we could obtain today.

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Acting Manager.

Shanghai, April 3.

Brenan Road Case

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to thank your sympathetic correspondents, both foreign and Chinese, who have been good enough to answer my call for advice.

The house where I live in is off Brenan Road on which I pay a 14 per cent. rate to the Shanghai Municipal Council. It is owned by a high Chinese official now at Chungking and the agents are a foreign (not British) concern quite reputable in Shanghai. The agents repeat that they are not putting up the rent for war-profiteering but are going back to their pre-war schedule, of which I know nothing. Other tenants living in the same style of house pay the same rent but they have not been asked to pay a higher rent because the agents say they are old tenants while I am only a new one. I offered to pay them 20 per cent. over and above their original rent and this they have refused.

CHINESE TENANT.

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

Municipal Orchestra:

Should it Be Disbanded?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I suppose it is about time to bring up the hardy annual of the Municipal Orchestra and whether it should be retained. I have addressed you in years past on the subject, and have always maintained that in view of the comparatively small support the Orchestra receives, it is an unwarrantable burden upon the ratepayers, and especially so in times such as these. If the Lyceum Theatre is filled to capacity every Sunday, which it is not, then somewhere about 700 people derive pleasure from the orchestra's performance once a week during the winter season. More performances are given during the summer in the various parks, but are not these chiefly band concerts and not symphony? I venture to assert that even though the appropriation for the Orchestra constitutes so small a proportion of the Municipal Budget, these are times when unnecessary extravagances such as an orchestra could easily, and justifiably be dispensed with. Those who think like I do should combine to put the Orchestra out, once and for all. I fully realize that the select, but powerful clique of music lovers will do all in their power to make the municipality continue an orchestra which caters so much to their own particular tastes, but it ought to be possible for those who are opposed to this unnecessary expenditure to combine, and for once let them know that they are not always going to run the Settlement as they wish.

JUSTICE.

Shanghai, April 4.

Certain Remedies:

Unpleasant Advertising

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Some months ago a report was given in the papers to the effect that steps were being taken by the authorities to control the type of advertisements used for certain remedies, this extending even to a cleaning up of advertsing matter in the Chinese press. Since then, it would seem things have more or less drifted back to their original state, à la Shanghai, a particularly repulsive window display having been put up at a Chinese pharmacy at the corner of Bubbling Well and Gordon Roads. I am not aware whether this advertisement is sponsored by the foreign manufacturers or local agents of the medicament or by the pharmacy themselves, but certainly the fact remains that such displays are not necessary for the proper advertising of the cure.

I would like further to add that the nude was ever meant for artistic or aesthetic purposes only, and that its prostitution to such use not only tends to give it a completely false and erroneous concept to the ignorant, but is an insult to womanhood itself.

PEDESTRIAN.

Shanghai, April 3.

Unfair Rule:

No Smoking in Canidrome

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It appears to me that only recently the Canidrome authority issues order at their various parimutuel counters to the effect that—"Smoking in counters is strictly prohibited and offenders will be discharged."

The above order obviously applies to all concerned irrespective of position, and has now been fully observed by all, except the management who may still be seen smoking at the counters contrary to their own instructions.

It seems unfair to the staff that the management themselves could smoke in counters and the staff should not be allowed to do so even while not at work. Such restriction seems ridiculous.

May I request the Canidrome authority to rescind their order which will be beneficial to all concerned.

ONE OF THE STAFF.

Shanghai, April 4.

Attic Rooms:

What Can Be Done?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

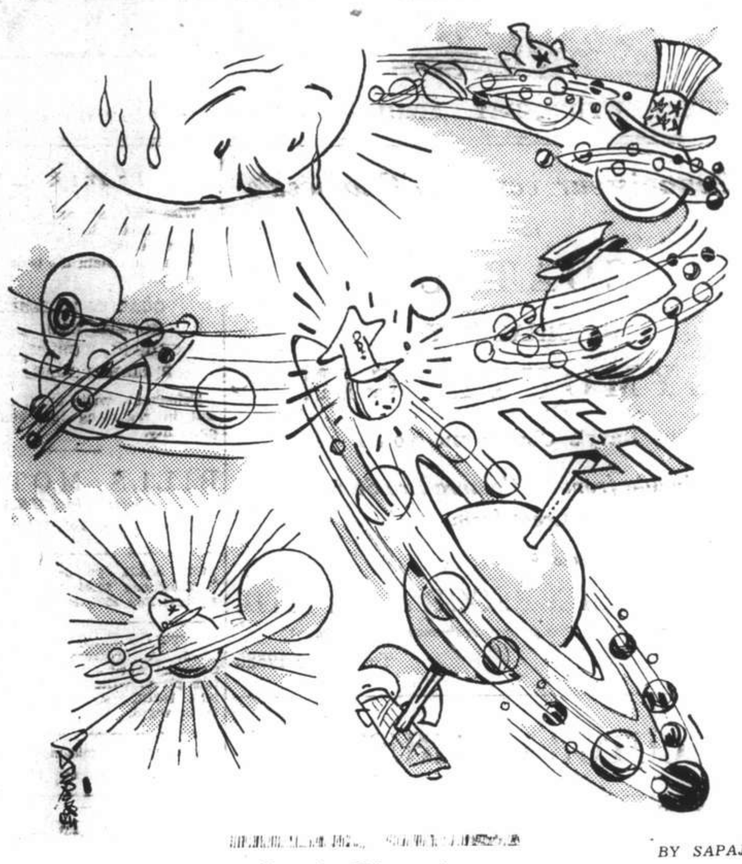
SIR,—I sympathize with "Western Inhabitant's complaint some days ago on the subject of attic rooms, built on drying stages leaving no space to dry clothes. I, a subtenant, dwell in a house in Haiphong Road. Our landlord disregarding anything about health has built a frail shelter of wood which has been erected on the rear balcony so there is no space for drying.

In the circumstances, may I invite the authorities concerned to remove the shelter, in spite of the protests of the landlord in order to leave a space for drying.

Several months before the raising of the attic rooms issue I saw an official order issued by the authorities concerned with regard to removal of attic rooms and prohibition of building such rooms without any result to date.

PALAVER.

Shanghai, April 4.



BY SAPAJOU

Cosmic Disruption

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF APRIL 5, 1869

As the capability of the Rugged Islands for a sanitarium is being revived, we may recall the fact that this group was visited and reported on, five years ago, by Cmdr. Wilds of H. M. S. Swallow, with a special object of determining their adaptability in this respect. His report, which was unfavourable will be found in the Journal of the Asiatic Society's proceedings for 1864.

THE branch office of the Bank of Communications in Kunming, capital of Yunnan, is preparing plans for the extension of loans, amounting to $6,000,000 over a period of four years, to assist the development of the latent resources of Yunnan, says the "Sin Wan Pao." The bank is also deeply interested in the development of communications between Yunnan and Burma, the report states.

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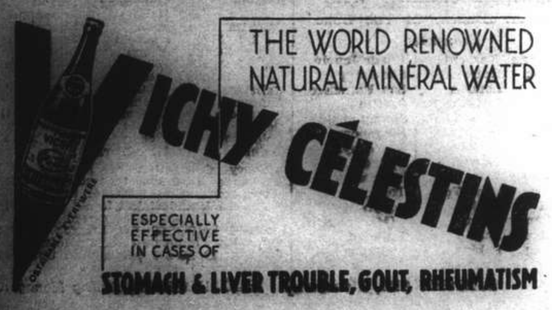

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Insurance companies may well be proud of their record during the last decade. Not only did they keep their own flags flying mast-high, but they assisted innumerable Canadians to weather the storm. That has been a distinct public service. The service will not be forgotten by those who were helped by it, but it should be more definitely impressed on the public mind.

From an editorial in **"The Globe and Mail," Toronto, January 23, 1939.**

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Death Sentence on Hotel Murderer

Judge's Comment on Man's "Bad Life"; His Final Protest of Innocence

Sentence of death was passed by Mr. Justice Humphreys at the Old Bailey on March 2, on Harry Armstrong, 38, a manservant, of Seaford, Sussex, for the murder of his sweetheart, Peggy Irene Violet Pentecost, 17, of Brighton, in an hotel in York-road, London, S.E., states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

The couple were engaged and came to London for a week-end on Saturday, Dec. 31. The girl was found dead in bed on the morning of Jan. 2. Death was due to combined strangulation and suffocation.

Armstrong stood with his arms folded behind his back while awaiting the verdict of the jury.

When the foreman announced a verdict of guilty, Armstrong turned to the jury and said in a loud, clear voice, "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I appreciate everything you have done, and no doubt you have had a difficult task. In spite of your verdict, I am guilty of the murder of Irene Pentecost."

The judge, before passing sentence, said: "Harry Armstrong, I am afraid you have brought to an end a bad life, of which the jury knew nothing. The evidence, in my opinion, most amply justified the verdict which the jury have arrived at."

Armstrong's Evidence

Armstrong, who wore a black tie, gave evidence when the hearing was resumed in the morning. He denied that he murdered the girl.

While having tea at Peggy's house before they came to London, he said, her father became angry and told her she deserved a good hiding. She was upset and they decided to go away for the week-end.

In London they went to a private hotel in York-road, S.E., and registered as Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

The judge: Is that the first time you slept together?—Yes.

He said they had a few drinks at an hotel in Waterloo-road on the Sunday evening and he bought a small bottle of sherry which he took back with them to the hotel. They had some sherry in their room.

I was feeling the effects of the drink and Peggy went to bed as she felt tired. I said it was too early to go to bed and that I would go out and get another drink. I kissed her good-night and left.

Borrowed Handkerchief

Mr. J. F. Eastwood, K.C., defending, said that one of Armstrong's handkerchiefs was found in the girl's mouth, and Armstrong explained that Peggy had borrowed one from him.

He left the hotel about 9.30, he said, and went to a public-house and had some drink. He bought a quarter-bottle of whisky and went to a café.

He got into conversation with some women and went with one of them to Paddington. He stayed the night with her.

Mr. Eastwood: What was your condition on the Monday morning?—I had an awful headache and felt very ashamed of the way I had behaved because Peggy was in London.

After a shave he went into a public-house with the intention of having one drink and then going back to Peggy. The next he remembered was finding himself in a police cell with several policemen asking him questions. He was charged with using insulting words and behaviour.

Key Left in Lock

Are you telling the jury that you left that girl of whom you were so fond undressed in bed, with the key in the lock on the outside of the door?—Yes.

So that anybody might walk in?—I never gave that a thought. I never dreamt that she would come to any harm, otherwise I would not have left the hotel.

Dr. Cedric Keith Simpson, who made the post-mortem examination, was recalled by the Judge and asked if he could say what time the girl died.

After a number of questions, Mr. Justice Humphreys asked: Is this a fair way of putting it? You can say with probable confidence that in your opinion she died somewhere between 9 and 11.30 p.m.?

Dr. Simpson: Exactly.

Rose Kirby, of St. George's-road, S.E., said that she met Armstrong in a café in Westminster Bridge-road a few minutes after 10 p.m. on Jan. 1. Armstrong bought her and two other girls some coffee and poured whisky into it.

She and Armstrong left the café about 11 p.m. and went by taxi to an hotel at Paddington. They stayed together that night.

Final Speeches

Mr. Eastwood, addressing the jury, said: "Within the last half-hour the case for the prosecution appears to have changed in a most amazing way in a murder trial."

Yesterday, he said, they faced the charge that Armstrong murdered the girl at 11 o'clock and left the hotel at that time, the time when the hotel manager heard the click of a door.

Now, to the surprise of the prosecution, the defence had proved conclusively that Armstrong left the hotel before 10 o'clock. Apparently the prosecution were accepting that position and so they had the evidence of Dr. Simpson.

Mr. Byrne, in his address to the jury, said it was conceivable, if one had to look for the merest shadow of possibility, that although Armstrong left the girl at 9.30 she might have met her death between 9.30 and 11.30, when he was not there.

If there was no motive for Armstrong to commit the murder, what possible motive was there for anyone else to do it? Was it not likely that Armstrong went out to drink and went away with a woman to forget about the murder, because he knew the girl was lying in the room where he had strangled her?

Mr. Justice Humphreys, summing-up, referred to Mr. Eastwood's suggestion that someone might have entered the hotel in the middle of the night. If they had it would have been necessary for them to ring the bell.

Was it someone in the house who, having seen the lover go out, had gone in with murder in his heart and murdered the girl and then gone back to bed? Was it reasonable?

The jury returned a verdict after an absence of 37 minutes, and the judge passed sentence of death.

President Roosevelt Defends Democracy

President Roosevelt addressing the joint session of Congress celebrating the 150th anniversary of the First Congress when he delivered a stout defence of democracy. President Roosevelt is at the microphone with Vice-President John N. Garner and Representative William Bankhead seated behind him.

Pacific Supremacy Contest

Japan, Hemmed in on All Sides, Determined To Maintain Position and Fulfil Mission

By Percy Whiteing

"N.C.D.N." Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, March 25.

THE international contest for the supremacy of the Pacific among Japan, the United States, Britain (with France and the Netherlands as adjuncts) and Soviet Russia is interestingly reviewed in a recent issue of the "Jikyoku Joho" (Current Events), published by the Tokyo "Nichinichi."

The writer describes Japan, in the northwest corner of the Pacific, as hemmed in on all sides by the other countries mentioned, who are her potential enemies, yet she is inflexibly determined to maintain her position and fulfil the mission assigned to her by the Age of the Pacific, to establish a new order in East Asia and permanent peace in the Pacific.

The article, in translation, is as follows:

The international contest for supremacy in the Pacific becomes more and more keen. In politics, economics, ideology and armaments, the Pacific has become the main field of competition among the world's powers.

Thirty years ago President Theodore Roosevelt declared that the Age of the Mediterranean ceased with the discovery of America, that the Age of the Atlantic had reached its climax, and that the Age of the Pacific, the greatest of all, was just dawning. As a matter of fact, with the world war as the turning-point, the pivot of the world's activities changed from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Pacific Supremacy

This competition, after the end of the world war, developed into a competition for supremacy over the Pacific. It has been the general rule in the arena of international competition that the flag follows trade and the flag is followed by warships. But the international situation has so changed recently that warships and flag often run ahead of the trade.

The contest for Pacific supremacy is one of the outstanding features of this situation, and since the great war the various powers have been keenly competing for the command of the Pacific. The naval ration of the Washington and London naval treaties disclosed this contest in the shape of figures.

The chain of inequality in the form of this ratio, however, has been broken. The present is characterized as another non-naval-treaty era in which the race in warship construction and general rearmament becomes increasingly strenuous.

In the China Incident, the democratic group of nations, comprising Britain, the United States and France, misunderstanding Japan's military movements, have been giving assistance to the anti-Japanese regime of Chiang Kai-shek. Moreover, including Japan as an objective of their expansion of military preparations, they are taking positions as if to envelop her on every side.

Perry's Acquisitions

In anticipation of possible strife between Britain and America for predominance in the Pacific, Commodore Perry's trip was based on America's necessity of establishing good bases of operations in the Pacific, described in the following terms: "Britain has already occupied the most important points in East India and the China Sea, but fortunately Japan and many other islands in the Pacific still remain intact, some of which are destined to be commercial routes of the greatest importance for the United States."

When he first visited Japan in 1853, Perry reached an agreement enabling America to gather her warships in Loochoo waters and to establish a coaling station in the harbour of Naha, but his ambition did not stop at that. He aspired to American occupation of the Loochoo Islands and the Bonin Islands as well, and to place Siam, Indo-China, Borneo and part of Sumatra under American influence.

Calling at the Ogasawara (Bonin) Islands, Perry bought the land necessary for the erection of offices, piers and a coal depot for the use of the American navy, and he instructed the captain of the warship Plymouth to occupy the southern part of the islands.

At about the same time (1855-57) the American envoy in China, a Mr. Parker, suggested to his government that Taiwan (Formosa) should be taken as a commercial base between the United States and the Far East.

As the American Government had not yet become sufficiently interested in the Far East to take any actual measures to accomplish these purposes, the dreams of Perry and Parker failed to be realized.

When, however, Hawaii was annexed by the United States, and as a result of the Spanish-American War the Philippines and Guam fell into her possession, followed by Secretary of State John Hay's famous declaration of the Open Door policy in the Far East, American interest, both economic and military, became very much stronger.

In recent years America has assumed in her military arrangements a defensive attitude eastward (toward the Atlantic) and an offensive attitude westward (toward the Pacific), and has been making great efforts to equip herself for operations in the Pacific.

U.S. Political Ideology

According to her political ideology America regards the racial development of the so-called totalitarian nations' group, in which she includes Japan, Germany and Italy, as a menace to democracy. She is, therefore, preparing for war, as can well be understood from President Roosevelt's messages to Congress and the contents of her budget, which provide for a large increase of her armaments.

Certainly the importance of the Pacific from the military standpoint can easily be seen by looking at the map. Starting in the north with the Aleutian Islands, American naval bases include Kiska, Unalaska, Sitka, Kodiak, Puget Sound, Tongue Point (Oregon), Alamenda and San Diego on the coast, while westward are Hawaii, Midway, Wake, Guam and the Philippines.

All this forms scalene triangle some 15,000 miles in length, which surrounds Japan from the north, east and south. In the southwest Britain has a strong fortress at Singapore, commanding the western gate of the Pacific, while the eastern gateway, the Panama Canal, is a stronghold of the American navy.

In this situation the only direction left open for Japan is westward across the Sea of Japan and the China Sea to the continent of Asia. Japan, in some sense, consequently, might seem to be like a rat caught in a trap.

Minor Gibraltar

The American navy has been planning for several years to turn Guam into a minor Gibraltar of the western Pacific, by increasing its defences, and wanted to expend $5,000,000 on improvement of its harbour. The island is 5,000 miles from the United States, but is less than 2,000 miles from Tokyo. Therefore, with the Philippines, it is part of the American navy's first-line base system.

In a written report presented to Congress in January, the American Navy Department stated that as Guam occupies an important position for the purpose of protecting the Philippines and the Western Pacific from aggression by a certain power (meaning Japan, of course), it is necessary to establish air and submarine bases there, and the island should be equipped sufficiently to enable it to fight the naval and air forces of an enemy provided with bases of operations within 1,200 miles of Guam (again meaning Japan). This alone is enough to let us know the real intentions of the American navy.

In the Philippines, nearest American territory to Japan, the United States has strong naval bases at Cavite, in Manila Bay and at Olongapo, 50 miles north of Manila. Both places are strongly fortified. It is a serious question whether America will give up these bases when the Philippines become independent in 1946.

Some people in the United States still labour under the misapprehension that Japan will encroach upon this territory when it becomes independent, and urge postponement of independence or that the naval bases there should not be abandoned. If America retains this military foothold in the Far East it can be foreseen that the Philippines will give birth to some difficult problems in the future.

Hawaii is the main line for defence and base for advance in the Pacific of the American navy. It was annexed at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, chiefly for strategical purposes.

Accommodates Entire Navy

Pearl Harbour has docks that will hold the biggest warships afloat, a first-class air base, fuel depots and what not, and big guns galore. In 1922 the American Government began building Pearl Harbour into a base capable of accommodating the whole navy, at a cost of some $43,000,000. Since then nearly every year has seen fresh improvements being made. The yearly cost is round $2,800,000. It is reported that a dock taking 45,000 ton warships is projected. A base subsidiary to Pearl Harbour is being constructed at another bay on the same island of Oahu.

The strategic importance of Midway and Wake Islands became noticeable when they were made ports of call for the American trans-Pacific air service, in 1935. Both are equipped as naval air bases, and the improvement of Midway at a cost of $5,350,000 is planned. It is only 2,000 miles distant from Tokyo, and it would be easy to carry out air bombing raids on Japan from this island. It is also a relay point for the trans-Pacific cable.

From Hawaii southward to American Samoa, which has a naval base with wireless station and fuel and munitions depots, stretch Johnston, Howland, Jarvis, Baker, Canton, Enderby and other islands available as bases, forming a strategic chain that certainly will play an important part in future operations of the American navy in the Pacific.

Nearest to Japan in the north are the Aleutian Islands, and the American Government is stretching itself to strengthen their fortifications. Dutch Harbour, near the eastern extremity of the chain, and Kiska, near the western extremity, have been well-known for their importance, and recently Kodiak has been added as a base.

According to experts, if hostilities should break out between Japan and the United States, the American navy will try to attack the northeastern coast of Japan from these points as bases.

Then at the southern tip of Alaska is Sitka, near to Canada, (the close neighbour which the United States is practically pledged to protect.) The American navy proposes to spend $8,750,000 and $2,900,000 respectively on its bases at Kodiak and Sitka.

Britain's Position

It is but natural that Britain should have a greater interest in the Pacific than the United States, politically and economically, as well as militarily.

In the present China Incident, Britain, seeming unable to appreciate the real objective of the holy war that Japan is fighting in China, and from groundless fear of the loss of her rights and interests in the Far East, as well as in anticipation of a possible menace to India and the other Dominions, has been giving continuous assistance to the anti-Japanese régime of Chiang Kai-shek, in order to exert pressure on Japan, who once was her ally.

On acquiring Singapore in 1826 Britain decided it would afford a naval base of paramount importance, and proceeded accordingly. It has now been turned into an impregnable fortress. Since the outbreak of the China Incident Singapore has been an important point in the route of the supply of arms and munitions to the Chinese through Hongkong.

Moreover, under a semi-wartime régime, the Singapore base is making preparations for the future activities of Britain's Far East fleet, and has stored up stocks of munitions and fuel sufficient to support war operations of the fleet in Far East seas for at least six months.

Five Capital Ships Due

The strength of Britain's Eastern fleet, including the China Squadron, the East Indian Squadron, the Australian Fleet, and the New Zealand Squadron, is as follows at present: 12 cruisers, 1 seaplane carrier, 14 destroyers, 1 submarine mother-ship, 17 submarines, and 36 others, making a total of 81. It is anticipated that with the progress of her naval rearmament, Britain will reinforce the above with five capital ships and another seaplane carrier—a total of 91.

Hongkong, which looms up in the west Pacific and specially the south China Sea, leans upon Singapore, as does the latter on Hongkong. It is the base for Britain's trade in the Far East and for her China fleet. It is strongly fortified. Britain was supplying the Chinese with war materials through this place, and she strengthened its fortifications.

The worth of Hongkong as a trade base has been much diminished; but as a naval base it is as great as ever, and the British China Fleet has been demonstrating toward the south China seas with this island as its foothold.

Australia and New Zealand, in line with the British government's naval rearmament programme, are greatly expanding their naval and other military preparations. It is hardly necessary to comment on their strategic importance in the south Pacific.

Thus reviewing the strategic positions of America, Britain, France and Holland, it might seem that Japan is helpless, driven into the northwestern corner of the Pacific. To make matters worse, Soviet Russia is eagerly watching for a chance to ruin Japan from across the Manchoukuo border and the Sea of Japan. In China, remnants of the defeated army of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek are still rampant, though the work of establishing a new order there is steadily progressing.

Japan is surrounded by enemies, (potential and actual) on all sides. Can she emerge from this difficult position? The achievements of the Japanese forces during the past years answer this question. Japan has sent great armies to the continent, she has lost much in precious human lives and wealth, she has had to face pressure and threats from various powers, but she maintains her tenacity of purpose. The seas run high in the Pacific, with signs of a great storm approaching—but the lifeline of Japan in the Pacific remains firm. The mission which the Age of the Pacific has assigned to Japan is the establishment of a new order in East Asia and permanent peace in the Pacific.

Aeroplane Attack on Chuangchow

Streets Machine-gunned, Civilians Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Kulangsu, Mar. 29.

Last week aeroplane attacks were made in Chuangchow and Wingchow. Four planes went to the former and dropped ten bombs. The planes flew very low, just skimmed over the roofs and machined-gunned the streets. A bomb was loosened above the Bank of China, but it missed the objective and demolished houses adjoining. Part of the Customs offices were also wrecked. Two civilians took shelter under a tree near a policeman on duty. Both were killed but the policeman was unharmed. Steamships lying in the harbour could not discharge cargo for three days and could not get clearance. They wirelessed to Foochow, Foochow sent the message on to Amoy and Amoy replied advising them to leave without the necessary papers. No Customs officer dared go to the vessels and no lighters would dared go alongside to take off cargo.

Quarantine Episode Finished

The quarantine episode is finished and everyone concerned is happy. The Japanese Consul-General replied to Dr. Cumming that the Japanese at Amoy had no intention to ignore the Amoy Quarantine Service, that the misunderstanding arose owing to the zeal of the Amoy police who had exceeded their orders. The Consul-General previous to the incident had written to the Kulangsu Municipal Council stating that certificates of the Amoy Quarantine Service would be recognized and would be accepted if their dates did not exceed six months. The Secretary of the K.M.C., however, wrote to Dr. Cumming stating that he had criticized the Japanese action without any sanction from the council, and they could not be responsible for any overt action that the Japanese might take. The doctor was asked to withdraw his letter and apologize for his action. This he did not do and the matter was settled by the Japanese statement that they had no intention to ignore the Quarantine Service and would continue to recognize it.

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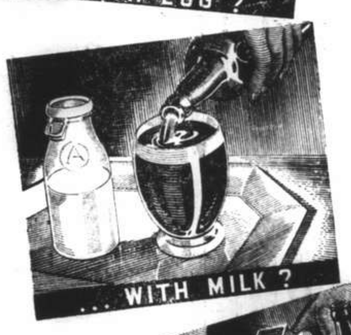

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Ice Hockey Championship Series Beginning

Brilliant Rookies Expected to Carry Boston Bruins Through to Victory in Stanley Cup

Boston, Apr. 3.

THE championship rookie combination of Mel Hill and Frankie Brimsek which paved the way for a Boston triumph in the league and the play-off series today was favoured to help the Bruins win the Stanley Cup, symbolic trophy of professional ice hockey supremacy, from the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Bruins and the Leafs will start their bitter feud tomorrow night on the local rink. Although the final series has been set for seven games with the team winning four tussles as the eventual champion, few hockey followers believed that the Bruins would need all seven games to trim their Canadian foes. As in past years, the final series for the Stanley Cup will be on the basis of best four out of seven games, and total number of goals will not be taken into consideration.

With the best balanced team in the last decade, the Bruins are hot favourites to win the Stanley Cup for the second time in modern hockey history. They first won the cup in 1929, although they have topped their division in the league championship on seven different occasions. Play-off series and finals have been a nightmare to the Bruins since they managed to garner the coveted cup once.

Toronto teams have been Stanley Cup champions on numerous occasions, winning the cup in 1914, 1918 and 1922. The Toronto Maple Leafs, however, have only won the cup once before, in 1932.

Al Murray, star of the Rangers who has been strictly an observer since December 29 when the Bruins slapped him into a hospital for a shoulder operation requiring 86 stitches and who saw his team bow before the Bruins last night, that the Bruins can by no means be established as hot favourites for the Stanley Cup.

No Certainty Yet

To prove his point he cited last year's play-offs. "Toronto," he said, "took three straight from Boston in the first place series, but the Leafs could capture no more than one game from Chicago in the final."

The Black Hawks came up from the second division in the league last year to win the Stanley Cup, but this year failed to get into the play-off series.

Murray's contention that the winner of the No. 1 play-off series is no cinch for the Stanley Cup is borne out by the records of the last ten years. Only four times during that period has the series victor gone ahead to take the cup. Boston turned the trick in 1929, Les Canadiens won in 1931, and the Red Wings created a world record by winning the cup in 1936 and 1937, becoming the first team to garner the trophy for two successive years.

Many followers of the game believe the Bruins wore themselves out in their series with the Rangers which went to all seven games before the Bruins triumphed last night.

Sensational Shooting

The Bruins owe their victory to Mel Hill, a newcomer to "bigtime" hockey. It was his sensational shooting and skating last night that resulted in the Bruins winning. He scored the winning goal in the overtime period after the score stood at 1-1 at the end of the game.

Brimsek, another newcomer to league hockey and goalie of the Bruins, also played a major role in the victory for his grand work in the net prevented the Rangers from breaking through time and again.

With Brimsek and Hill in fine fettle, the Bruins are expected to take the opening game tomorrow night and go ahead to win the Stanley Cup. Their partisans contend that the Bruins are quite fresh despite their long series with the Rangers, pointing out that the Bruins might have purposely relaxed after winning the first three games.—United Press.

Pote-Hunt Scores High Triple

Race Club Sportsman Has Tally of 606 in Men's Ten Pins League

A mild surprise was created in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. alleys last night when Jimmy Pote-Hunt, popular Race Club sportsman, scored a fine triple of 606 in the first round of the Shanghai Men's Singles Ten Pins Championship.

Jimmy Deegan, star of the American Club, finished closely behind with 590 pins. Keyes, Larcher, and Fuller, of the U.S. Marines, were next in rank. Fuller chalked up the best single of 244.

The second round will be held tomorrow at the Columbia Country Club and an interesting race for positions is expected to be seen with, Pote-Hunt and Deegan, of course, taking the limelight.

Complete results of a field of 46 contenders were as follows:—

Pote-Hunt	200	178	228	606
Deegan	223	184	183	590
Keyes	154	212	210	576
Larcher	193	183	200	576
Fuller	156	172	244	572
Fiori	182	201	186	569
Cochran	169	196	198	563
Adams	193	182	186	561
Huebner	169	214	170	553
Campbell	181	190	182	553
Krause	193	182	175	550
Cushman	159	187	201	547
Winecoff	193	196	158	547
Hartnett	209	167	170	546
Gonsalves	138	199	184	521
Fitzjarrell	173	183	164	520
Carson	177	159	180	516
Maddox	145	212	158	515
Klovekorn	167	182	167	516
Chanturai	174	173	166	513
Kolwyck	155	190	165	510
Butler	155	154	190	508
Hilden	155	152	199	506
Lesch	168	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wilson	175	167	148	490
Moseler	190	133	166	489
Bourne	180	146	162	488
Funk	175	148	163	486
Wells	172	145	168	485
Morang	189	147	148	484
Fevurly	166	138	174	478
Leekney	167	162	146	475
H. M. Smith Jr.	140	177	157	474
Respess	155	161	158	474
Lamont	143	188	143	474
Eisenhut	134	189	150	473
Lurton	158	177	138	472
Jacobs	164	145	161	470
Schmid	139	147	179	464
Clark	142	151	159	452
Picozzi	151	139	166	456
Howard	142	163	139	444
Ward	145	147	148	440
Messersmith	139	140	156	435
Gensburger	147	119	145	411
Watton	116	156	124	396

Local Tennis Matters To Be Discussed

Council Meeting Arranged For Wednesday

The Council Meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. in which a number of questions concerning the coming season will be discussed.

In the Annual General Meeting which was held last Wednesday many suggestions and proposals were made. Mr. Hay Thorburn, official referee, made two pertinent proposals, saying firstly that some definite ruling should be made in the Roper Cup International Doubles Competition as to whether substitutes were to be allowed or not. Last year America had to make a last minute change which aroused argument.

Secondly Mr. Thorburn proposed that all the league matches be played off on the same day without some of the fixtures being postponed and that if a club enters two teams in the same division, those two teams be treated as separate entities and no interchange of players should be allowed between the two teams.

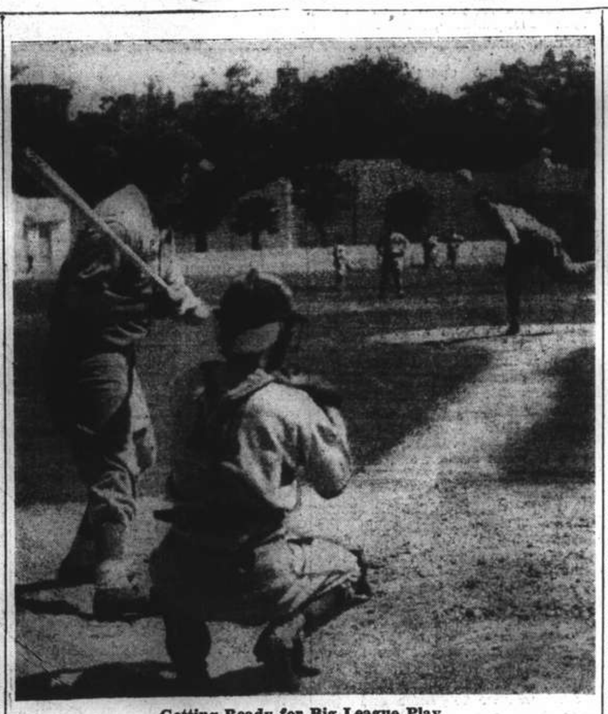
Mr. B. Krenov proposed that two rounds be played in the Second Division. If time permits, there is the possibility of making both divisions a two-round affairs.

Call-Over for City And Suburban

London, Apr. 3.

The call-over for the City and Suburban Handicap, which is to be run at Epsom over a distance of one mile and two furlongs on April 19, is as follows:—

6-1 Pigskin, taken and offered.
6-1 Halcyon Gift, offered.
7-1 Unbreakable, offered.
10-1 the field.—Reuter.



Getting Ready for Big League Play

Ernest Lombardi, Cincinnati catcher, league leading batter for 1938 and winner of the league's most valuable player award, is pictured at bat during the Reds' training period at Tampa, Florida. Pitching at him is Johnny Vaner Meer who hurled two consecutive no-hit no-run games last year. Palmer is behind the plate.

Badminton Invasion From Hongkong

Leaving Hongkong on April 12 by the ss. Jean Laborde, a party of leading Portuguese badminton players come to Shanghai to engage in a series of games against local exponents of shuttles of all nationalities. The new gymnasium of the Clube Lusitano will be the scene of the tussles. Representing Club de Recreio, Hongkong: M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios and the Misses Marie and Olga Ribeiro, Xavier, and Mylthie Silva.

New Triple Record in Commercial League

Cushman Knocks Down 630 Pins in Three Strings

This week's session of bowling run off on Monday in the Commercial Ten Pins League was marked by several excellent scores. Cushman of the Second Battalion U.S. Marines, established a new triple record as he skittled the maples for a fine aggregate of 630, exceeding the former record of 588 held by Bourne, of the Automobiles.

The Lawyers and Auditors continued to maintain an unbeaten record in the Hardwood Section by trouncing the Brokers, 3-0, for a total of twelve games won and none lost. The First Battalion U.S. Marines disposed of the "Y" Secretaries by the odd game in three to retain their position as runners-up.

Results were as follows:—

HARDWOOD SECTION

Banks (2)	816	789	736	2.341
Insurance (1)	815	777	790	2.382
Texaco (3)	835	830	843	2.500
Automobiles (0)	762	706	762	2.310
Auditors-Lawyers (3)	806	791	729	2.326
Brokers (0)	731	788	683	2.202
1st Bn. Marines (2)	814	748	754	2.316
"Y" Secretaries (1)	692	746	767	2.205

SOFTWOOD SECTION

Accountants (2)	833	694	832	2.359
Hdq. Marines (1)	809	917	797	2.523
Yee Tsoong (3)	808	864	771	2.443
Chemicals (0)	790	815	765	2.370
2nd Bn. Marines (3)	800	805	746	2.351
Post-Mercury (0)	736	767	735	2.338
Exporters (2)	812	777	789	2.357
Telephone Company (1)	795	749	796	2.340

League Standings

HARDWOOD SECTION

	Won	Lost
Lawyers-Auditors	12	0
1st Bn. Marines	9	3
Insurance	8	4
Texaco	7	5
Brokers	4	8
Banks	4	8
"Y" Secretaries	3	9
Automobiles	1	11

SOFTWOOD SECTION

	Won	Lost
2nd Bn. Marines	11	1
Exporters	9	3
Hdq. Marines	7	5
Accountants	5	7
Chemicals	5	7
Yee Tsoong	4	8
Post-Mercury	4	8
Telephone Company	3	9

Touring Basketballers Arriving Here Today

Canadian Academy Team to Meet S.A.S. Tonight

Owing to the delayed arrival of the ss. Empress of Canada, the visiting Canadian Academy basketball team of Kobe will reach Shanghai today shortly after noon, instead of yesterday as had been announced previously.

The visitors will go directly to the Shanghai American School and play the school team at 5 p.m. in the first game of a series of exhibition basketball.

Tomorrow the scene of the exhibition will be moved to the Foreign Y.M.C.A. where the visitors will meet the Giants, starting at 8.30 p.m., instead of at 8 p.m. as previously scheduled.

The third game will be at the American School again, against the school team for a return match. This game is fixed to take place at 7 p.m.

The contest which was to have been played last night at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. against Chinan Middle School, champions of the recent S.A.S. Invitation League, will probably be called off as the Academy boys are booked to return on April 8, Saturday.

The visiting group is composed of eleven players and two coaches. Several of the boys' parents are said to be accompanying the squad. The list of players follows:—

John Clark, Eugene Clark, Roger Hackett, John Ahrens, Alan Kawasjee, David Balden, Lanier Ogburn, Tsuneki Yamada, Stuart Robinson, and Harris Martin.

Eight of these youngsters are Americans, two are British and one Japanese.

The visitors will be the guests of the American School Basketball Team and will be accommodated in homes of the local players. An extremely attractive programme has been mapped out by the Physical Department.

Pins Fall Fast in Women's League

New High Single Record Made by Mrs. Malleck; 232 Scored

Setting a new single record of 232 in her third game last night, Mrs. Malleck, winner of the last ten pins title in 1937, jumped off into a commanding lead in the Ladies Singles Championship at the Race Club, tallying a triple of 570.

The rest of a field of twenty competitors failed to give the leader any opposition. Even Mrs. McDonnell, the highest individual in the League competition, was unable to put up a fight as she garnered 489 pins.

The second round takes place tomorrow at the American Club.

Full results follow:—

Mrs. Malleck	181	157	232	570
Mrs. McDonnell	152	172	165	489
Mrs. Kwok	146	153	180	479
Mrs. Hale	180	124	165	469
Mrs. Collaco	126	165	159	450
Mrs. Davis	168	142	119	429
Mrs. Horton	142	129	152	423
Miss McIntyre	125	137	153	415
Mrs. Evans	92	174	145	411
Miss Hykes	166	107	136	409
Mrs. Deegan	96	135	135	366
Mrs. Mannoy	122	124	121	367
Mrs. Nelson	142	104	112	358
Mrs. Jensen	99	127	123	349
Mrs. Gray III	105	132	111	348
Miss Donaldson	132	113	95	340
Mrs. Krulak	96	123	116	335
Mrs. Ryan	98	126	111	335
Mrs. Cardwell	118	84	181	323
Mrs. Harvey	89	92	99	280

Hungjao Golf Club Competition

Results of Two Contests Held During March

In the eighteen-holes-points-against-Par contest at the Hungjao Golf Club last month the winner was Maj. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker who, with a handicap of ten had a score of 37. W. J. Hawkings had a score of 34 (handicap 6). There were 35 entries.

In the 18-holes-against-Bogey contest, W. J. Hawkings' won, the card reading (6) two out. In this contest there were 36 entries.

Rugby Union Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

The following are the results of Rugby Union matches played today:

Gloucester 6, Sidmouth 0
Capt. Crawshay's XV 29, Devonport Services 0
Pontypool 6, Neath 3
Redruth 19, St. Bart's Hospital 8
—Reuter.

Lawn Bowls Section Of Clube Meets

Lodge in Hongkew Park Redecorated

The Annual Meeting of the Lawn Bowls Section of the Clube Lusitano took place on Monday, the President of the Clube, Mr. A. S. Braga, taking the chair.

In a brief commentary on the activities of the past season, the President recalled the many courtesies received from the Shanghai Recreation Club and the Police Recreation Club which had made it possible for the Clube to operate a lawn bowls section during the summer. He proposed a vote of thanks to the committees and members of both these clubs which was passed with hearty applause.

The meeting was then informed that the Lodge in Hongkew Park, which had been leased within recent months, had been re-decorated and arranged as a sport's club-house and that players and members could therefore depend upon a much larger degree of comfort and convenience than had been possible heretofore.

The greens were also in excellent condition, thanks to the efforts of Mr. W. J. Kerr, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, to whom a vote of thanks was recorded. The president pointed out that there was nothing to deter the Clube bowling in Hongkew Park this season.

This was enthusiastically agreed upon and it was decided that teams should be entered in the first and second divisions of the League. Mr. H. A. Ozorio was elected captain of the first team and Mr. L. F. Lopes of the second whilst the Hon. Secretary the Lawn Bowls Section, Mr. F. M. F. Gutierrez, was elected to act with the captains on the selection committee.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President for the hard work he had done, principally in connection with the acquirement of the Clube's Lodge.

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6-1	Second Thoughts
3-2	Special Delivery
8-1	Spring Tide
3-1	Sugar Star

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6-1	Ashridge	152
20-1	Bulletin	155
10-1	Citylight	155
5-2	Columbus	158
10-1	Danbury	152
8-1	Fairylight	158
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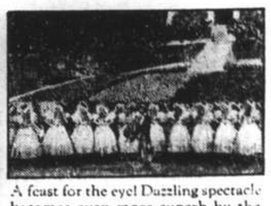

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Theft Linked with Kidnapping

Police Charge Robber Band With Carrying Off Young Son of Merchant

It was alleged by the police in the First Special District Court yesterday that the six men who are standing trial in connection with the armed robbery committed on February 26 in a Chinese police detective's home at 339 Great Western Road were also responsible for the kidnapping of the three-year old son of a rich Chinese living in Lane 189 Kinnear Road, which crime was committed at about 10 p.m. on March 11 of this year. The police originally arrested seven men, but one of them was released yesterday. No charges have been framed yet, and the hearing was postponed to April 13.

The six accused were stated to have connived with one Li Ah-ei who is at large in kidnapping Chang Han-jen from his home. Several days later the kidnappers wrote a letter to the victim's father, Mr. Chang Tze-jih, demanding a large sum of money. Secret negotiations conducted in a Yu Ya Ching Road hotel resulted in an agreement in which Mr. Chang was alleged to have paid $7,000 for the return of his son. The victim was released and Mr. Chang was warned against reporting to the police.

The accussed were also alleged to have been involved in yet another armed robbery committed on February 17 in Mr. Liang Weimin's residence at House No. 7 Lane, 156 Edinburg Road. More than $3,500 worth of valuables was stolen by the gang. Mr. Paul Ru, Municipal Advocate, told the court, however, that the police needed time to investigate all these crimes before definite charges could be framed against the men and asked that the hearing be postponed.

The accused, it will be recalled, were arrested last month as a result of a series of raids in one of which a service pistol belonging to Mr. Yeo Chia-kwei, a detective attached to the Bubbling Well Police Station, was recovered. The pistol was stolen from his home during his absence, when several armed robbers paid a surprise visit and escaped with cash and jewellery amounting to more than $2,000.

Ottawa Gardeners Now Preparing

50,000 Carnations for Royal Dinner

Ottawa, Apr. 4.

Fifty thousand carnations, red, pink and white, will decorate the tables at the State dinner to be given here when the King and Queen visit Ottawa this spring. They will be massed in low, silver bowls.

Gardeners at the official residence of the Governor-General of Canada, Rideau Hall, where Their Majesties will stay, are hard at work in the Government House greenhouses cultivating flowers for the royal pleasure.

Six greenhouses, filled with shrubs and budding plants, are expected to be a profusion of bloom by May to keep the Royal guest rooms supplied with flowers. Pastel sweet peas and sprays of lilies-of-the-valley may be chosen for the Queen's pink and blue bedroom at Rideau Hall. The King's bedroom, furnished in maroon and blue, will probably have flowers of a deeper shade.—Reuter.

Three Courts Deal With Terrorists

Two Men Receive Ten-Year Sentences in Belfast

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

Mr. Justice Humphreys passed sentences of penal servitude, imprisonment and Borstal detention totalling 34½ years in the Old Bailey today on seven men and two youths convicted on Friday in the second explosives trial in that court. The sentences ranged from three years in Borstal to ten years' penal servitude.

Bow Street was heavily guarded when three more men appeared on explosives charges relating to the week-end bomb outrages in London. The men, who were arrested at Hammersmith on Sunday, were remanded until Thursday.

Two men were convicted in Belfast today of possessing ammunition and explosive materials. Each received ten years' penal servitude.—Reuter.

Halliburton Junk Still Missing

Extensive Search Made By Planes in Vain

San Francisco, Apr. 3.

Despite an extensive search by ship and plane, Richard Halliburton, noted American adventurer, still was missing in mid-Pacific today after disappearing last Friday near Midway Island while en route from Hongkong to San Francisco in a Chinese junk.

Mackay Radio and Pan-American Airways, who have played the main role in rescue efforts, reported that no trace could be found of Mr. Halliburton junk despite the flight of Pan-American Clipper planes over the area from which last word was received from the adventurer's party. The President liner, ss. Pres. Coolidge, also passed near the junk's reported position yesterday without sighting any trace of the missing party.

The radio set on Mr. Halliburton's junk went dead a week ago last Friday and he has not been heard from since. Severe storms have swept the area since that time.—United Press.

Ukrainian Autonomists Sentenced in Poland

Minority Organ Declares Fight Must Continue

Warsaw, Apr. 4.

Sentences ranging from a few days' imprisonment up to 4½ years penal servitude were passed by the Polish court in Cloczow, in Eastern Galicia, yesterday morning on 55 Ukrainians for having taken part last autumn in a Ukrainian demonstration at Krasno.

One of the leading organs of the Ukrainian minority in Poland published an article yesterday, stating that no modification will be made in the demand for self-government in respect of the Ukrainian-inhabited parts of Poland. The occupation of the Carpatho-Ukraine by the Hungarians will not have the effect, it is added, of compelling the Ukrainians to revise their attitude towards Poland as their claims are based on the principle of self-determination and have nothing to do with the changes in the international situation.—Trans-Ocean.

New York Sets Mode For Man and Wife

Fashionable Couples Now Dress to "Match"

New York, Apr. 4.

Husbands and wives are dressing alike in the latest fashions to hit New York. It is now considered smart for husband and wife to "match" each other in the style or material of their clothes when they appear together.

Notable couples in Manhattan's society have set the pace. If the man has a suiting in grey hard-finish worsted with faint red and blue overplaids, his wife wears a tailored suit of the same material. Matching suits of grey Shetland with white pin stripes were worn by a society couple recently when they left for their honeymoon; but so long as each wears something to match the other, it appears to be within the rules.

Mr. Frank Chapman, husband of the film and operatic singer, Miss Gladys Swarthout, has sported a white Shetland wool suiting for tropical wear. So now Miss Swarthout has a sport coat of the same material for the same occasions.

New Yorkers have two theories about the origin of the idea and both are about a Scotsman who secured a good "buy" on a quantity of cloth and made the whole family wear it.—Reuter.

Italian Navy Estimates Show Increase

Rome, Apr. 4.

The Italian navy estimates for the fiscal year of 1939-40 were submitted to the Chamber yesterday. They provide for a total expenditure of 2,773,000,000 Lira, representing an increase of 760,000,000 Lira compared with that the previous year.—Trans-Ocean.

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Sir Robert Craigie Due from Japan

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He will come ashore at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf where he will be met by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador to China, whose guest he will be until he leaves for Japan in the ss. Tarakuni Maru on Friday.

No statement was issued by the British Embassy officials as to the nature of Sir Robert Craigie's visit, but it is felt that the meeting has been arranged in order to discuss a future policy in dealing with Far Eastern problems.

Madrid Courts Martial Kept Busy

Republican Officials Face Severe Sentences

Madrid, Apr. 3.

The courtmartial of six former Spanish Republican leaders accused of hundreds of murders began today at Colmenar Viejo, a village north of Madrid near the site where bodies of descendants of Christopher Columbus were found murdered in 1936.

Simultaneously the Nationalist courtmartial of 216 former Republican agents began at Valencia where the Nationalist prosecutor demanded the death penalty for all. Included among the men on trial was Sr. Loretto Apelaniz, alleged superintendent of torture for the Republicans. Although Nationalist courts in Madrid have sentenced two alleged Republican agents to death thus far, no executions have yet been carried out.

Nationalist authorities today were investigating a fire which broke out yesterday in the German Trans-Atlantic Bank. The fire destroyed some valuable archives, leading to suspicion of arson.—United Press.

Dunfermline Defeats Morton by 5-2

London, Apr. 3.

The following is the result of a football match played today in the Second Division, Scottish League:—Dunfermline 5, Morton 2.—Reuter.

Rugby League Result

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

The following is the result of a Rugby League match played today: Halifax 20, St. Helen's 5.—Reuter.

Commons Told Tientsin Barriers Relaxed

Britain Still Seeking Return to Normal

London, Apr. 3.

Several questions regarding the British and French Concessions in Tientsin were asked in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Ian Hannah, National Conservative member for the Bilston division of Wolverhampton, asked what answer had been received from the Japanese Government to the British Government's representations against the surrounding of the British and French Concessions in Tientsin with barricades and live wire.

He also wanted to know what action the British Government had taken to secure the protection, freedom of movement, and means of subsistence of Britons and their employees in Tientsin.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that the barrier restrictions had been lifted on February 8, though the barriers themselves remained. No reports had reached him regarding an interruption of food supplies.

The situation generally had aroused some uneasiness, and His Majesty's representatives in Tientsin had continued to request the restoration of normal conditions.—Reuter.

Wang Ching-wei Urged To Go Abroad

Delegates from Hongkong Visiting Hanoi

Hanoi, Apr. 4.

Three "prominent" Chinese, understood to have been sent here by Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek from Hongkong, were reported today to be seeking to establish contact with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, dismissed deputy chief executive of the Kuomintang, in an effort to induce him to take a trip overseas.

Mrs. Chiang recently arrived in Hongkong from Chungking accompanied by Mr. W. H. Donald, Australian adviser to General Chiang. Mrs. Chiang was reported here to be seeking medical attention.

Chinese circles here regard the arrival of the three envoys as indicative of the adoption by the Kuomintang of more peaceful persuasive measures against Mr. Wang, following an abortive attempt on his life by four gunmen.

The terrorist attempt cost the life of Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, secretary to Mr. Wang.—Domei.

Japan's Loss Through American Boycott

Position Analyzed by Pacific Institute

Washington, D.C., Apr. 4.

American unofficial boycott against Japanese goods accounts for about 26 per cent. of the total decrease of $52,000,000 in American imports from Japan during the first year of the Sino-Japanese war, declares a writer in the "Far Eastern Survey" of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Col. Henry L. Stimson, secretary of State under President Hoover, who took a strong line against the invasion of Manchuria, is now leading this boycott movement on a national scale.

The remaining loss in trade, adds the Survey, has been caused by the business recession in the United States, the normal increase in the use of substitutes for silk, and internal factors in Japan hampering her export trade.

The Survey divides American imports from Japan into different classes and analyses the reduction in each. The anti-Japanese boycott is strongest on the Pacific coast and the North-West, it adds, and less effective in the Mid-west and South. Urban centres are more active in the boycott than rural districts. While the boycott has not delivered a telling blow at the Japanese war machine, the Survey concludes that, nevertheless, Japan has lost a substantial amount of trade and commercial good will.—Reuter.

French Flier Postpones Record Attempt

Le Bourget, Apr. 3.

M. Gilbert Denis, French airman who was to begin his attempt on the Paris-Saigon record this evening, was forced to postpone his departure. He is suffering from a severe attack of influenza and weather conditions are not promising.

Another airman, M. Marcel Doret, is busy making preparations for a similar flight to Saigon, and possibly Tokyo, in the near future.—Havas.

German Troops, Planes Stationed in Italy

Mr. Butler Cannot Confirm Reports for Commons

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, leading for the Labour Party, asked in the House of Commons today whether reports had been received of the presence of German troops and warplanes in Italy.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that his reports did not confirm such statements.—Reuter.

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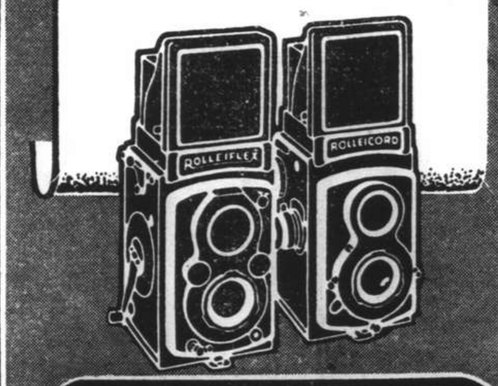

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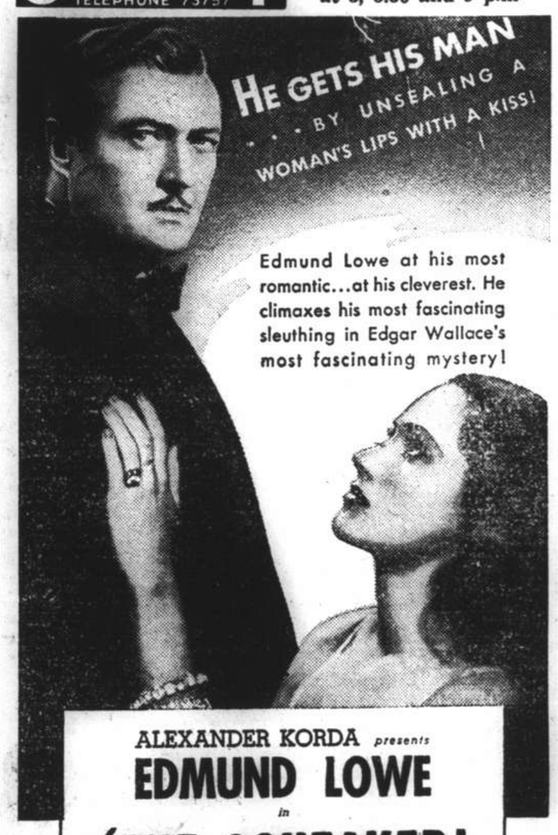

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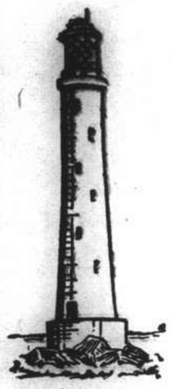

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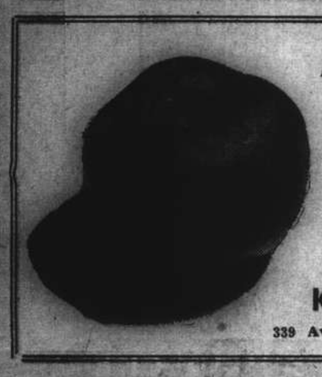

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CLEARING THE AIR

Out of the welter of speeches which have been made on the international situation in Europe two important facts emerge, the one that Mr. Chamberlain has become convinced of his original mistake in placing too much confidence in the assurances of Munich, and the other that by his change of policy he has seated himself so firmly in the saddle that he may regard the possibility of a general election at the present time, or, perhaps, later in the year with the utmost confidence. His speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday is not to be taken as a recantation of his earlier convictions. He is still a man of peace, will seek peace by every means within his power, but he has made it as clear as day that he will not tolerate any attempt by the dictator powers to create a hegemony in Europe, or to secure further expansion by the utilization of force against the smaller countries. That has been a traditional British policy, as completely applied during the Napoleonic era as it is to be hoped it will be applied in the event of developments in the future which it is to be hoped will be averted. It has never suited the British book that any one State should dominate the Continent, and what has happened during the months since September last, is that Britain has been obliged to revert to an old policy, which it was at one time thought had been abandoned once, and for all. Therein lies the strength of Mr. Chamberlain so far as domestic politics are concerned. The adoption of the same policy as that of Pitt in the early years of last century has deprived parliamentary Opposition of its ability to oppose,—at least on the question of Britain's relationships with the rest of Europe. The Prime Minister has enunciated principles in this connection which are wholly acceptable to the official Opposition, and those numerous critics who have been so clamant against him since the betrayal at Munich, when Mr. Chamberlain was cozened into a sense of false security from which, fortunately, he has been awakened by the actions of Herr Hitler himself.

The opinion was widely held that Mr. Chamberlain's retention of office depended almost entirely upon the success of his appeasement plan, which in turn depended completely upon the degree of good faith with which Herr Hitler fulfilled his assurances. It was even thought that a betrayal of those assurances might lead to the disappearance of Mr. Chamberlain from British politics. The reverse has happened. The National Government has behind it the support of all parties in Britain, the rest of the Empire, and the moral support of countries which still believe in the inherent good qualities in the doctrine of democracy. There has been no more significant a development in British politics for many years past. It is a pity that the question of confidence was not included in Tuesday's debate on foreign affairs. That not having been raised there could be no question of a division. Had there been, it would undoubtedly have been one of the most important political gestures which a legislative body could possibly have made; the picture of a practically unanimous House walking into the Government lobby would have served to dispel whatever few remaining doubts that might exist as to the completeness of the support which is now being given to the Prime Minister. And more; it would have spoken to the world at large as no one person ever can, and would have supported the Prime Minister's expressed belief that the whole nation is now united in approval of what he has said and the aim and purpose which lie behind it. Not that there can be any doubt about how matters now stand. Nothing has been more clear cut, and straightforward than the speeches which have been delivered by the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax. There is no question of Britain following any aggressive policy, but it will most certainly offer every possible resistance to any further attempts at aggression which may be made in Europe, and it is not improbable that in the not too distant future Great Britain will find herself pledged to assist any European country which may become the victim of such action.

It is an unhappy fact that these latest developments do not at the present time tend towards the perfection of a peaceful understanding amongst the European Powers. By that it is not meant that there has been any more appreciable advance towards hostilities than ever before. That is patently not true, for in view of all that has happened whatever progress towards appeasement it was thought had been made at Munich was entirely illusory. The situation has consequently not worsened in this respect since September last. Indeed it may be said to have improved by reason of the fact that Great Britain, France and the rest of the non-totalitarian states are no longer living in that fool's paradise, which the undoubted ingenuity of Herr Hitler had devised. That does not render the situation any the less serious. While it is hoped that the world is still a long way from war, it is nevertheless obvious that it is also a very long way away from peace, and the problem which still confronts Europe is as to how progress can be made towards that delectable destination. At the moment it does not appear that much of an advance can be made. There is, unhappily, at the moment no definite stable point from which it is possible to progress, for until it is again practical to place some reliance in the good faith of the dictator system there is no foundation upon which a peaceful structure can be erected. In the atmosphere of suspicion, and distrust, which at present exists, the only guarantee for peace is a healthy respect for the other fellow's strength. That this means a peace based upon force has regretfully to be admitted, but things being as they are what other alternative is possible? The sum total of all that has happened then is that the initiative for war still remains where it has always been, in Herr Hitler's hands, but it is also clear that in the minds of Mr. Chamberlain, his Ministers, Parliament and the Empire at large there is no question of cowardly surrender to aggressors.

A Notorious Murderer

Eugene Weidmann, accused of the murder of a number of persons, mostly women, in France has, as a result of a lengthy and eventful trial been condemned to death. Though little of the proceedings have reached Shanghai it is known that the trial was remarkable for the struggle which went on between the accused man, and his legal advisers. The latter vehemently contended that their client was innocent, while the latter was almost equally insistent upon his guilt. From the moment of his arrest he admitted the murders alleged against him, and throughout the trial answered the judge's questions in a manner which completely dismayed his legal advisers who declared from the outset that they hoped to prove him guiltless. It is consequently somewhat surprising that now he is under sentence of death he has yielded to his lawyers' pleas to appeal against the conviction and sentence. What chances he has now of escaping the guillotine must be slim in the extreme, for an endeavour to establish innocence after persistent admissions of guilt would not be likely to meet with much success. Weidmann was tried at Versailles, in the same court which saw the trial of the notorious Landru. He is reported to be a man with a remarkable double character, the one inoffensive, affectionate to his mother and relatives, interested in the arts and particularly fond of quoting English and French poetry, and the other a ruthless killer of women whose lives he had insured. The crime which brought about his apprehension was the killing of Miss Jean de Koven, an American dancer, whom he slew for a few hundred francs, and buried with a camera with which his victim had been taking photographs of himself. Though she was dead Weidmann sought to collect ransom money from her relatives, and it was eventually through this that he was traced, and arrested by the police.

Stand-Pat Tennessee

The village which voted the earth was flat is as nothing compared with the state of Tennessee which still refuses to permit the teaching of the theory of evolution. The House of Representatives recently shelved a bill which would have repealed the "monkey law," passed some years ago, when the feeling against the evolution theory was much stronger than it is today. The argument advanced in favour of repeal was that scientific men should be given the privilege of believing and teaching as they think, but the opposition prevailed with those old fashioned arguments which somehow manage to last despite all progress in scientific knowledge. One did not want his children to be taught something which he did not believe. Another insisted that mankind is descended from Adam and Eve, while yet a third thought the repeal would have a baleful effect upon the minds of boys and girls. People in these days are apt to forget the controversy over the theory which raged a few years ago in the United States and more particularly the case which was fought around it by such prominent thinkers as Mr. William Jennings Bryan and Mr. Claud Darrow, the famous criminal lawyer. The latter, defending the theory, conducted a merciless cross-examination of Mr. Bryan who held strongly to the Biblical version of the origin of man. Mr. Bryan was an aged man at the time and it is stated that the ruthlessness with which Mr. Darrow cross-examined him conduced to his death comparatively shortly afterwards. One of Mr. Darrow's most pointed questions was whether the witness really did believe that serpents did in fact speak in the days of Adam and Eve while quite a number of others were such as to give opponents of the theory of evolution furiously to think in devising answers. It is an astonishing fact that men rational in practically all other directions steadfastly refuse to accept the wealth of evidence which has been accumulated since Darwin started mankind thinking on the subject, and still believe that, despite all discoveries to the contrary, the world is only about 7,000 years old.

Salad In The Cocos Isles

Other parts of the world, not so conspicuous as Shanghai, have their fresh salad difficulties and have solved them in typical pioneering manner. In the tiny Cocos islands in the Indian Ocean, midway between Singapore and Australia, there is a small group of Britons who like fresh salad but as their home is a coral atoll growing nothing of this nature, through the kind offices of a neighbour sufficient soil was transported from Christmas Island to Cocos to enable the laying out of five vegetable gardens and the tinned variety is apparently now abolished. As a result of what might appear an act of negligible importance, Mr. Edward Wilshaw, Chairman of Cable & Wireless, Ltd., the big British communications system last week made a presentation to Mr. W. B. Jackson, assistant manager of the phosphate company on Christmas Island, for his kindness which gives the cable staff fresh vegetables. There would be really nothing to say about this little action in the heart of the Indian Ocean were not such islands of such great importance nowadays through seizures, as in the case of Spratley Island, by powers leading to feverish conferences and presentation of strong notes of protest by various foreign offices regarding territory represented by mere dots on good maps even if they can be found at all. In the case of the Cocos Islands, there is a great deal of importance, political, geographic and economic, attached in spite of their diminutiveness. Cocos Islands provide an essential base for the British cable service to Australia via Singapore, and many men of the Eastern Extension Cable Company in Shanghai have served brief periods at this base in a group of islands colonized and develope by the Clunies Ross family who, with a few reservations regarding payment of taxes to the British Government, made it one of the most important in the Indian Ocean. Historically, the group is interesting for it was here the German commerce raider Emden ended her extraordinary career during the war after dozens of British warships searched the neighbouring seas for this cruiser which was in Tsingtao at the beginning of the war and, like, a will-o'-the-wisp, led them a merry chase before her identity with a dummy funnel was spotted when she arrived at Cocos and encountered a superior adversary in H.M.S. Sydney.

A COUNTRY DIARY

April 4.—In a little corner of Jessfield Park, where white magnolia and pink cherry are now in bloom, and the grass is bright with the brilliant light which the daffodils have borrowed from the sun, there is also a queer looking shrub whose unusual blooms have just faded. This shrub has not yet any leaves and it flowers very early with clusters of waxy-looking white and yellow blossoms: the all-highest of the P.W.D., S.M.C. told me its name was Daphne and I am wondering if it is the *Daphne pontica* of Eastern Europe or some far eastern variety which I cannot trace. But all this is apart from the point I wish to record. Passing these shrubs almost daily, I have always noted that many of the outer branches or twigs are *tied in knots* ....and, so artificial do these knots look, I concluded they were tied by Chinese gardeners or passers-by as a result of some queer superstition: but on Sunday morning last walking in the rain in a most secluded spot, I came across a Daphne bush which I am sure no gardener ever touches, and a number of its twigs were tied in knots! Since then I have been looking into the matter (also examining the shrubs again) and I am sure this is the answer: botanists refer to the movements of plants as "tropisms," the simplest of which is *geotropism*, that is to say the root grows down to the centre of gravity of the earth and the shoots grow straight up to the light; *phototropism* means that the plant grows in the direction of the strongest light; *chemotropism* is due to attraction by a chemical substance—*hydrotropism*, due to water—*haptotropism*, due to contact (e.g. twining plants) and so on: and so now this is what I want some botanist to explain to me: what sort of tropisms does this comic shrub suffer from which cause it to tie itself in knots? That beats me. There is the solid fact for anyone to see, believe it....or knot. Sorry, but I'm getting all mixed.

IN PARENTHESIS

Too True

MEN lie on carpet.—Newspaper headline.
Lots of us do, when we're on the carpet.

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Broke Poker

THERE was a young lady named Roker,
Who was wooed and was won by a stoker.
When, on settling at Hove,
She said, "George, light the stove,"
On Miss Roker he broke a new poker.

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For the Kiddies

No more does Jill run up the hill,
How very wise that wench is!
It's a waste of time to make that climb
When she's only got to go into the park with her pail and fill from one of the A.R.P. trenches.

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Stout

LITTLE Miss Muffet
Sat in a buffet,
Drinking a bottle of stout.
She knocked back so many
Without paying a penny
That the management had to call the
Fire Brigade to help them put
Little Miss Muffet out.

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The Oldest Inhabitant?

A FOSSIL nautilus, found in the clay 40 feet below London, is said by experts to be 60,000,000 years old.

Its nearest surviving relative lives in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. So this fossil proves that, in the days when southern England was under water, our climate was tropical or subtropical.

But things haven't changed so much really. It's still easy enough to get into hot water.

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Pubs of Our Own

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He'll say you're in no "state" to be served.

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Heard in Court

COUNTY Court collector: This man's name is Homebird, but we can never find him at his house.

Woman at Tottenham, N.: I'm sorry I was out of Court just then. I heard the officer calling "Handsome, Handsome," and I thought he wanted me.

Woman: I got into debt through a misunderstanding. I thought I was dependent on my son, and my son thought he was dependent on me.

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Conversation With The Captain

How do, Captain? Turned out nice again, hasn't it?

It certainly has, Mr. Formby.

Whereabouts are we now?

We're in the West Indies.

Eee, it's marvellous how you lads find them with all this sea about.

Ah, you must thank my navigators for that.

Fancy a big pot like you wearing navvy gaiters. Well, I just popped up to see if you wanted any help steering t'ship. What's this lever here for?

When I pull that, it blows the syren.

Does that mean we knock off for lunch?

No, no. That's our way of telling other ships we're in the vicinity.

But you said we were in the West Indies.

Let me explain—one blast on the syren means we're going to starboard. Two blasts mean we're going to port.

And how many blasts mean we're going to have a double Scotch?

Again, three blasts mean we're going astern.

And when it's foggy, I suppose you're blasting all the time.

Yes, but things are quiet just now. This is the dog-watch.

I've got one at home that needs watching. He's a whippet.

Well, why don't you?

Whip it or watch it—which?

Let's skip it.

What the whippet?

Mr. Formby, will you do something to oblige me?

Why, certainly, Captain.

Will you jump overboard, go under three times, and only come up twice?

But what about the sharks?

The sharks will have to take care of themselves. Good-bye.

—Formby in the "Sunday Express."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 38.0	Max. 52.5
Same date, 1938	Min. 47.5	Max. 69.5

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 36.1	Max. 55.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 43.0	Max. 71.1

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 3rd:—Siberian anticyclone high and rising over China and Korea. The depression to the south of Japan is advancing east-north-eastward. Fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine, cloudy and cold weather in the north and our regions: mist or rain in the south.

State on the morning of the 4th:—Cloudy to overcast and cold weather. North-westerly wind. High and rising pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cool weather with south-easterly to south-westerly winds around Shantung. Cloudy, cool and fine with north-westerly to north-easterly breezes over our regions. Cloudy to overcast with local rain and fresh northerly to north-easterly winds over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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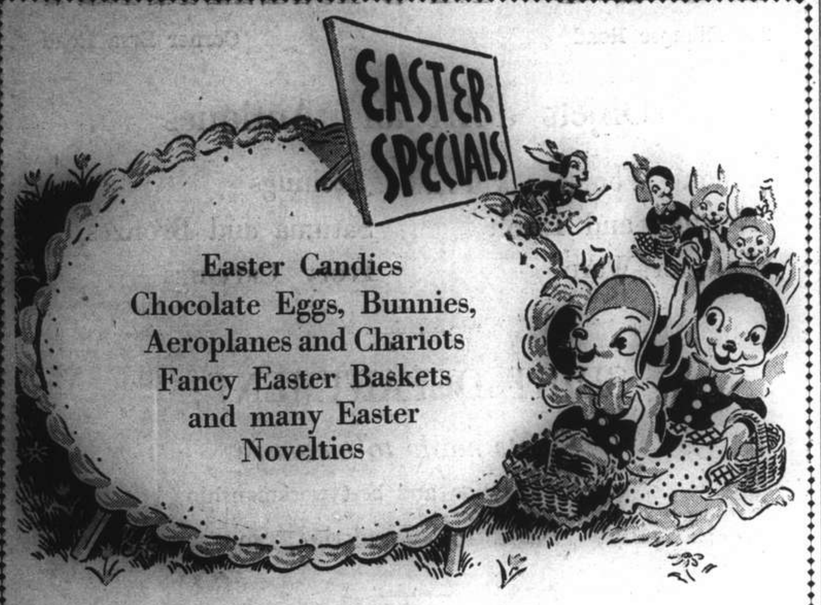

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Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England — now!

. . . Hark, where my blossom'd pear-tree in the hedge
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover
Blossoms and dewdrops — at the bent spray's edge —
That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,
Lest you should think he never could recapture
The first fine careless rapture!
— Robert Browning.

". . . Sing With Us, Away, Winter, Away!"

It is the townsmen who have kept abounding life in the Easter holidays. Bursting forth out of offices and workshops at the marvellous week-end, they swarm over the countryside, leaving a pleasant residue of silver coin behind them when the tide recedes.

Somewhat cabined again this year in Shanghai, it is not all who will manage to burst forth this Easter. There are those who intend to survey the beauties of the Yangtze Delta from the decks of our local luxury liners. But there will not be room for all, and most will have to resign themselves to finding relaxation in the amusements provided by our fair city.

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"Resign themselves?"—those are poor words, which may well bring a toss of the head from many Shanghai fans. Let us rather congratulate ourselves that we have such a fine place as Shanghai to relax in—

Gemme of all joy, jasper of jocunditie,
Most mighty carbuncle of vertue and valour;
Strong Troy in vigour and strenuytie.

Doesn't that exactly describe her?

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Read, Mark, Learn

On every side are spread out the wherewithals to celebrate a happy Easter. Read and mark what our merchants have to suggest to you. Skim the following columns for some history of Lent observance ending in Easter egg.

You may not have eaten much fish this Lent—well, you are just the son of your forefathers. Even Good Queen Bess found them over-hard nuts to crack, though she was thinking of something else than the good of their souls.

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Perhaps you didn't remember to eat figs on the Sunday Next Before Easter, in memory of Zacchæus who, being a little man, climbed into a sycamore tree (a kind of fig-tree) that he might have an uninterrupted view of the Entry into Jerusalem.

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(Little men are known to be gifted with resource, to make up for their lack of inches. There is the story of the little minister of one of those younger English churches who very wisely sample the abilities of their preachers first. He had ascended into the pulpit before discovering the petrifying fact that he had left the notes of his sermon behind him. He looked down on the judicial faces arrayed before him and inspiration came :—"Zacchæus was a little man," he said, "and so am I. Zacchæus was up a tree—and so am I. Zacchæus came down again, and," gathering the skirts of his robes about him, "so will I!" One hopes that he was successful in securing that ministry.)

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The Reasons Why

You may not have carried a simnel cake to your dear mamma on Mid-Lent Sunday. All these remissnesses are so many the more reasons why you should order those *bouns* for Good Friday from the Shanghai descendants of the English bakers who crossed their buns in defiance of Royal proclamation.

And as your teeth meet in their spicy, buttery depths, give a thought to Babylonish Ishtar and Astarte of the Greeks, whose figures, some say, you will find at the misty end of the trail of crossed-bread.

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Twenty-five thousand Russians will keep their Easter with us this year—Easter Church and Western Church having met in the mysteries of the ecclesiastical calendars. Will there be enough Easter eggs to go round? Better make sure.

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"But why eggs?—Why hares?" Read on and you will learn. The egg has always been so much a symbol of man's theological conceptions that one would not be surprised at a baby in its cradle crying for its Easter egg.

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That jolly ball-game, too, played in Early English cathedrals at Easter morning service, with the bishop, aye, or the archbishop, an he were present, starting things off by pulling a ball out of his sleeve and sending it roofwards—what was the ball thrown by the episcopal arm but the symbol of the eggs, and the game but the expression of Easter joy?

Some Stories of Fast and Feasting Down the Ages

"Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the twenty-first of March"—it is a simple formula, easy to remember. It is the Paschal Full Moon which is alluded to, which is the fourteenth day of a lunar month, reckoned according to an ancient ecclesiastical computation and not the real or astronomical full moon.

It was in 325 that the date was decided by the Council of Christian Churches at Nicæa in Asia Minor and their principal and very excellent reason for so deciding was that the pilgrims needed moonlight to travel on their way to the great yearly Easter festivities. The date of Easter thus may vary between March 22 and April 25, over a period of 35 days.

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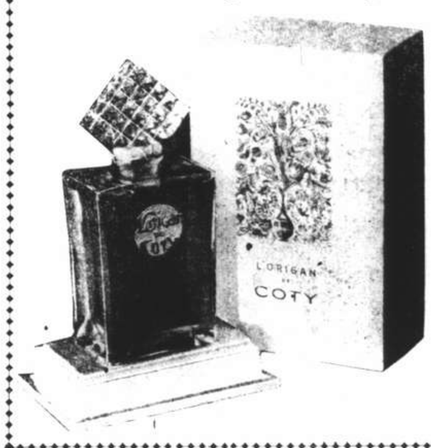

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A Mysterious Formula

You have to deal with three columns, the first containing the Golden Numbers, the second, the Day of the Month, the third, the Sunday Letters. Start off by finding the Golden Number, or Prime. All you have to do is to add One to the Year of our Lord, and then divide by 19; the Remainder, if any, is the Golden Number; but if nothing remaineth, then 19 is the Golden Number.

"To find the Dominical or Sunday Letter, according to the Calendar, until the Year 2099 inclusive, add to the Year of our Lord its Fourth Part, omitting fractions; and also the number 6; Divide the Sum by 7; and if there is no remainder, then A is the Sunday Letter: But if any number remaineth, then the Letter standing against that Number [in the Table] is the Sunday Letter."

You then "look for the Golden Number of the Year in the First Column of the Table, against which stands the Day of the Paschal Full Moon, and the Day of the Month standing against that Sunday Letter is *Easter-Day*. If the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, then (according to the First Rule) the next Sunday after is *Easter-Day*."

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One needs to have the three columns filled with the letters and numbers before one (all you have to do is to stretch out your hand for your Prayer Book).

A cycle of 19 years is used in order to fix the correct date of Easter each year, and it is the use of this cycle which makes the mysterious Golden Number and Sunday Letter necessary.

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"Remove Not the Ancient Landmark"

Away back in 387 the churches of Gaul kept Easter on March 21, those of Italy on April 18, and those of Egypt on April 25. Gregory of Tours relates that in 577 "there was a doubt about Easter. In Gaul we with many other cities kept Easter on the fourteenth calends of May, others, as the Spaniards, on the twelfth calends of April."

The ancient Britons and the Celts were even more troublesome. "Insular" even in those far-off days, they stuck to an old 84-year cycle which they had originally received from Rome, and stubbornly refused to abandon it. Thus it happened that in certain years in Britain, Easter was being observed on different Sundays by those who had accepted the 19-year cycle and those backwoodsmen who refused to change from the good old 84-year cycle which they had originally received.

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The Venerable Bede records that in a certain year (which must have been 645, 647, 648 or 651) Oswy, King of Northumbria, following the rule of the British Church, was celebrating Easter while Queen Eanfleda, his wife, who had received her instruction from a Kentish priest of the Roman obedience, was fasting and keeping Palm Sunday.

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Even across 1300 years it is easy to sense the uncomfortable atmosphere which must have prevailed in the Oswy home, the glad smile of the feasting Oswy being frozen on his face by the reproving melancholy of the fasting Eanfleda.

It is not surprising to find that by 664 (the three years spent in ambling to and from Rome over the matter) the council of Streaneshalch (Whitby) settled the question once and for all as far as the kingdom of Northumbria was concerned.

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The Gregorian correction of the calendar happened in 1582—and once again different days were being observed for the celebration of Easter. So far as Western Christendom is concerned the corrected calendar is now universally accepted, and Easter is kept on the same day.

But it was not until so late as 1752 that the Gregorian reformation of the calendar was adopted in Great Britain and Ireland. The Eastern churches have never adopted the Gregorian reformation, and their Easter usually falls before or after that of the Western churches, and only very rarely do the two coincide—1939 being one of the years in which they do.

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"Reform It Altogether"

Easter has always been regarded as the chief festival of the Christian year, and according to a regulation of Constantine it was to be the first day of the year. This reckoning of the year as beginning at Easter lingered in France till 1565, when, by an ordinance of Charles IX, January 1 finally took its place.

At the present time there is a tentative sort of agitation going on for another reform of the calendar which would make the year consist of 364 days, with an extra day added after the end of December, but belonging to no month, and in leap year a day added after the end of June. In this calendar the months and quarters of the year would not be of varying lengths as at present, and Easter would be a fixed date.

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Four different periods are connected with the observance of Easter:

(1) The preparatory fast of the forty days of Lent

(2) The fifteen days, beginning with the Sunday before and ending with the Sunday after Easter, during which the ceremonies of Holy Week and the services of the Octave of Easter were observed. This period, called by the French the *Quinzaine de Pâques*, was specially kept in that country.

(3) The Octave of Easter, during which the newly-baptized wore their white garments, which they laid aside on the Sunday after Easter, known as *Dominica in albis depositis* from this custom. Another name for this Sunday was *Pascha clausum*, or the close of Easter, and from a clipping of the word "close" the curious English name of "Low Sunday" is thought to be derived.

(4) Eastertide proper, or the paschal season beginning at Easter and lasting till Whit Sunday, during the whole of which time the festival character of the Easter season was maintained in the services of the Church.

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Use Bred the Habit

The appetite for fasting seems to have grown with non-eating. The Lenten fast was short and severe in the very early Church, some eating nothing between the afternoon of Good Friday and the morning of Easter. The present custom of starting the fast on Ash Wednesday dates from the seventh century.

In England a Lenten fast was first ordered to be observed by Earconberht, King of Kent, who reigned from 640-664. In the middle ages meat, eggs and milk were forbidden in Lent not only by ecclesiastical but also by statute law, and the rule was enforced until the coming of William of Orange (William III) from the Netherlands in 1689.

The English liked fish in Lent, and herring pie was a great delicacy. It sounds good. Charters granted to seaports often stipulated that the town should send so many herrings or other fish annually to the king during Lent.

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How They Were Fishified

There was no nonsense stood about fasting in those good old days. If someone had bungled and omitted to get the necessary dispensation from Rome, armies in the field could very easily be reduced to starvation if the fish wagons got lost in the rear or met with something horrid on the way, even though they might be surrounded by meat and other supplies.

The Battle of the Herrings was fought in 1429 at Rouvray when the French (aided by the Scots, who pinned their faith to oatmeal) fell upon the English, commanded by that fat man, Sir John Falstaff, who were convoying Lenten provisions, chiefly herrings, to the besiegers of Orléans.

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During the confusion of the Reformation in England fasting went somewhat by the board, and it was found necessary to reassert the obligation of keeping Lent and other fasts by a series of proclamations and statutes.

More, however, than the holy discipline of abstention from meat was the condition of the fisheries occupying the attention of the English statesmen. The laxness in fasting which had developed was having a most regrettable effect upon those nurseries of English seamen. Something had to be done.

A straightforward appeal was therefore made to the business instincts of the nation. Thus the statute of 2 and 3 Edward VI (1549), while inculcating that "due and godly abstinence from flesh is a means to virtue," adds that "by the eating of fish much flesh is saved to the country," and that thereby, too, the fishing trade is encouraged.

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Singeing the King of Spain's Beard

But then as now, apparently, in spite of coaxing, English stomachs were a bit loth to range themselves in any great numbers beneath the national banners—perhaps they had lost the recipe for herring pie. Be that as it may, in Queen Elizabeth's day she and Sir William Cecil, later the great Lord Burghley, went so far as to devise a fine of £20 for each offence on butchers slaughtering animals in Lent.

A strong navy was even more of a necessity to Queen Elizabeth than it had been to her half-brother, King Edward VI. The Spanish Armada was beginning to look like being a nuisance, viewed from the angle of Plymouth Hoe, and something had to be done to withstand the power of Spain. More and more men should be able to handle ships and thus form a reserve of seamen against this wretched thing.

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There were no two ways about it. English fishermen must stay at sea—no nonsense about throwing their nets over gooseberry bushes to keep the birds away. That wouldn't teach them to about ship speedily and to acquire a wicked pull on the mizzen (or whatever was necessary).

Therefore Elizabeth's red head nodded while Burghley's beard wagged, and between them they clapped on an extra fasting day for the good of the realm—Wednesday being added to the already statuted Friday and Saturday.

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Even so, the English tables continued to feature beef, mutton and pork. The indifference to fish in due course ruined the fisheries and drove the fishermen to turn pirates to the great scandal and detriment of the realm. Queen Elizabeth might ostentatiously smack her lips over her cod and oysters, a reluctant Parliament agree to various punishments upon the meat eaters—all was of small avail.

Blatant avoidance of a fish diet became, indeed, one of the outward symbols of militant Protestantism among the Puritans. "I have often noted," wrote John Taylor, a poet of the time, "that if any superfluous feasting or gormandizing, paunch-cramming assembly do meet, it is so ordered that it must be either in Lent, upon a Friday, or a fasting: for the meat does not relish well except it be sauced with disobedience and contempt of authority."

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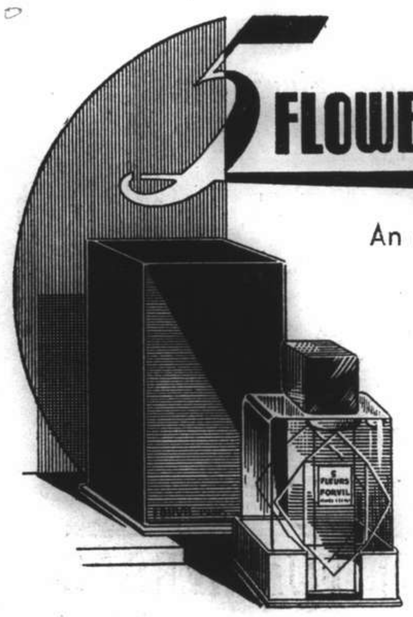
Virtue Would Help the Victualler

Lent and the sailors come together again in the pages of Mr. Samuel Pepys's Diary under the date of 1663. But this time they had not first to catch their fish. It was to be carried to them—the idea being that they had just got to fast in order that a Mr. Gauden could make up a little leeway on what seems to have been an unprofitable contract.

"We had this morning," says Samuel, "a great dispute between Mr. Gauden, Victual-



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ler of the Navy, and Sir J. Lawson, and the rest of the Commanders going against Argier, about their fish and the keeping of Lent; which Mr. Gauden so much insists upon to have it observed, as being the only thing that makes up the loss of his dear bargain all the rest of the year."

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By the seventeenth century fish seems to have become very much what it is now—very dear for the consumer to buy. Mr. Pepys remarks in 1661, "The talk of the towne now is, who the king is like to have for his Queene: and whether Lent shall be kept with the strictnesse of the King's proclamation; which is thought cannot be, because of the poor, who cannot buy fish."

Samuel himself, through the various Lents recorded in his Diary, was for ever setting down his intention of endeavouring to keep the fast, his efforts all coming to a quick nought. "It being Good Friday," he says in 1663, "our dinner was only sugar-sopps and fish; the only time that we have had a Lenten dinner all this Lent." And again the next year, "Home to the only Lenten supper I have had of wiggs and ale."

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"The Burial of Good Living"

Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, gets its name because it was the day on which "shrift" or confession was made in preparation for the great fast. The French call it *Mardi gras*, "Fat Tuesday," because of the fat ox which is ceremoniously paraded through the streets. The day is celebrated in Roman Catholic countries as the last day of the carnival, with feasting and merrymaking.

In England old customs surrounding the pancake are all that survive, the popular name for the day being "Pancake Day." The association of pancakes with the day was probably due to the necessity for using up all the eggs, grease, lard and dripping in stock preparatory to Lent, during which all these were forbidden.

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The best known Shrove Tuesday ceremony is the "Pancake Greaze" at Westminster School, that ancient "St. Peter's College" which dates from monastic times and whose boys have the right to acclaim the Queens at their coronations in the Abbey with three decorous but fervent shouts.

On Shrove Tuesday the boys assemble in the Great Schoolroom and the white-robed cook, with an expert twist of his wrist, sends a pancake soaring up over one of the old oak beams in the roof. The go-getter who secures the biggest piece of it as it comes down receives a suitable monetary reward from the hands of the Dean of Westminster Abbey.

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With Frying-Pans To Church

Throughout England little pancake day ceremonies may be unearthed. There is a pancake race at the small town of Olney in Buckinghamshire where Cowper, the poet, once lived.

Shortly before 12 o'clock a "mixed" peal is rung from the church belfry—in older and better days a signal to the housewives of Olney to mix their batter.

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Modern entrants to the pancake Derby, have, however, long before assembled giggling in the market square, posing for the photographers. They have, indeed, of late years so far fallen from grace as to run their race with artificial pancakes.

A very right-minded vicar has just been appointed to Olney, who justly recoils from such deception. This year he furnished each frying-pan with a high-grade pancake from his own kitchen. He is interested in old customs, and his pancake gesture was applauded in Olney by all save one man.

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That man was the bellringer who, at the stroke of noon, had tolled a single bell in token that the race was about to start. That duty done he walked self-consciously to the church door amid the encouragement of the onlookers. Squaring his shoulders and nervously straightening his tie, he looked apprehensively down the Derby course.

What part or lot had he in the female scramble rushing towards him? Much every way—he had to kiss the winner and eat her pancake too. "Better have stuck to the rubber ones," thought he.

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Idle Apprentices at Openshaw

In Manchester this year, Shrove Tuesday observances had an unusual sequel, for about 1,000 apprentices at engineering works in Openshaw were suspended for leaving their work on that day. Apparently they were following an old custom whereby apprentices have taken a holiday each Shrove Tuesday whether the employers liked it or not.

This year, however, as the works were busy with urgent Government orders, the apprentices were warned by the employers not to leave. Older workers also advised them to remain at work. But at 11 o'clock on Shrove Tuesday morning they all walked out and took the rest of the day off.

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Shrove Tuesday is by tradition always a sunny day. It was this year, and the apprentices of Openshaw felt just like their Elizabethan ancestors did, who weren't going to eat fish when they didn't want to even if beating the Armada depended on it.

When they came back to work the next day they were not allowed to resume. But the suspension was only intended to be a slight twenty-four hours punishment!

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"Sackcloth and Ashes"

Ash Wednesday, which follows Shrove Tuesday, is in the Western Church the first day of Lent, and is so called from the ceremonial use of ashes, as a symbol of penance, in the service prescribed for the day.

In the Roman Catholic Church the day is known as *dies cinerum* (day of ashes) or *dies cineris et cilicii* (day of ash and sackcloth). Ashes are placed in a vessel on the altar before High Mass. The priest, vested in a violet cope, prays that God may send his angel to hallow the ash, that it become a *remedium salubre* for all penitents. After another prayer the ashes are thrice sprinkled with holy water and thrice censed.

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Then the priest invites those present to approach and, dipping his thumb in the ashes, marks them as they kneel with the sign of the cross on the forehead (or in the case of clerics on the place of tonsure), with the words: *Memento, homo, quia pulvis es et in pulverem reverteris* (Remember, man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return). The celebrant himself either sprinkles the ash on his own head in silence or receives it from the priest of the highest dignity present.

This ceremony is derived from the custom of public penance in the early Church, when the sinner to be reconciled had to appear in the congregation clad in sackcloth and covered with ashes. The ceremonial of the ashes was not proscribed in England at the Reformation; it was indeed enjoined by a proclamation of Henry VIII on February 26, 1538, and again in 1550 under Edward VI. But it had fallen into complete disuse by the beginning of the seventeenth century.

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"Mothering Sunday"

The fourth Sunday in Lent—Mid-Lent—was called "Mothering Sunday" in England because on that Sunday domestic servants and apprentices were allowed a holiday on which to visit their mothers. In the north of England "Mothering Sunday" is still observed and also in parts of Wales.

The returning sons and daughters took with them as a present to their mothers a simnel cake. In shape it resembled a pork pie, but in ingredients it was like unto a rich plum pudding. Their mothers prepared for them a dish of frumenty—wheat boiled in milk and flavoured with spices.

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Tracing "Mothering Sunday" back to its source, it got its name in early days when on Mid-Lent Sunday the faithful visited their mother churches and laid gifts on the high altar. So ancient and deep was this feeling that the epistle for Mid-Lent Sunday, which alludes to Jersualem, *Mater omnium*—"Jerusalem, the mother of us all" (Galatians iv. 21)—is still retained by the English Church, though the occasion is forgotton.

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Mid-Lent "Carlings"

"Carling" Sunday is another name for Mid-Lent Sunday. Like all our old festivals, this one, too, was borrowed from the ancient pagan festivals of Greece and Rome.

The religious use of beans was, in the ancient nations, connected with the dead. On this Sunday the Roman Catholic Church celebrated the mystery of Christ's death, as well as on Good Friday, and hence it was called Passion Sunday.

Following the ancient usage, the Roman Catholic Church, to lead the common people easily into the change, also used beans on this day. These were afterwards changed for peas; and on this day grey peas were fried with butter, after being steeped all night, and were given away and eaten on this Sunday, the peas themselves being called "carlings."

To get the derivation of "carling" one must go right back to Saxon times. One of the names given by the Germans of those days to the Crucifixion day was "Karr Freytag"—*karr* signifying a satisfaction for a fine or penalty.

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Old Links with Germany

William Howitt, writing 90 years ago his "Country Year-Book," points out how until the Reformation our customs and those of the Germans were the same.

In England in pre-Reformation days, it was the custom for children to carry spears with cracknels suspended on them, and for two figures—one of Winter and the other of Summer—to go about and gather contributions.

Thus children also beare, with speares, their cracknelles round about,
And two they have, whereof the one is called Sommer stout,
Apparelde all in greene, and dressed in youthful fine array;
The other, Winter, clad in mosse, with heare all hoar and graye.
These two together fight, of which the palm doth Sommer get.
From hence to meat they go, and all with wine their whistles wet.—*"Popish Kingdom," fol. 49.*

These customs when Howitt wrote still existed in Germany. "On summer-day, as they call it," he says, "which falls in March, on Latere Sunday—for they make very little mention of spring, but talk, as soon as winter is over, of *summer* coming—they make a bretzel (a species of cracknel), of a different size and shape to the Lent bretzel, which they call Summer bretzel.

"This the children in the Palatinate carry about on wands adorned with ribbons, throughout the street, and sing the summer in with a song, which bears a striking resemblance to the oldest song in the English language, beginning—

Ye somer ist ycomen in,
Lhude sing cuccu, etc.,

and which, no doubt, was brought in by the Saxons and thus sung in England by their children. That it was so is obvious, by the language being still almost pure German—

Der sommer ist gekommen ein,
Laut singt kukuk, etc.

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"On summer-day, also," goes on William Howitt, "two men go round; one dressed in moss and straw, as Winter, and the other in ivy, or other evergreen leaves, hung with garlands and ribbons, like our Jack-in-the-green; or rather they go round in a sort

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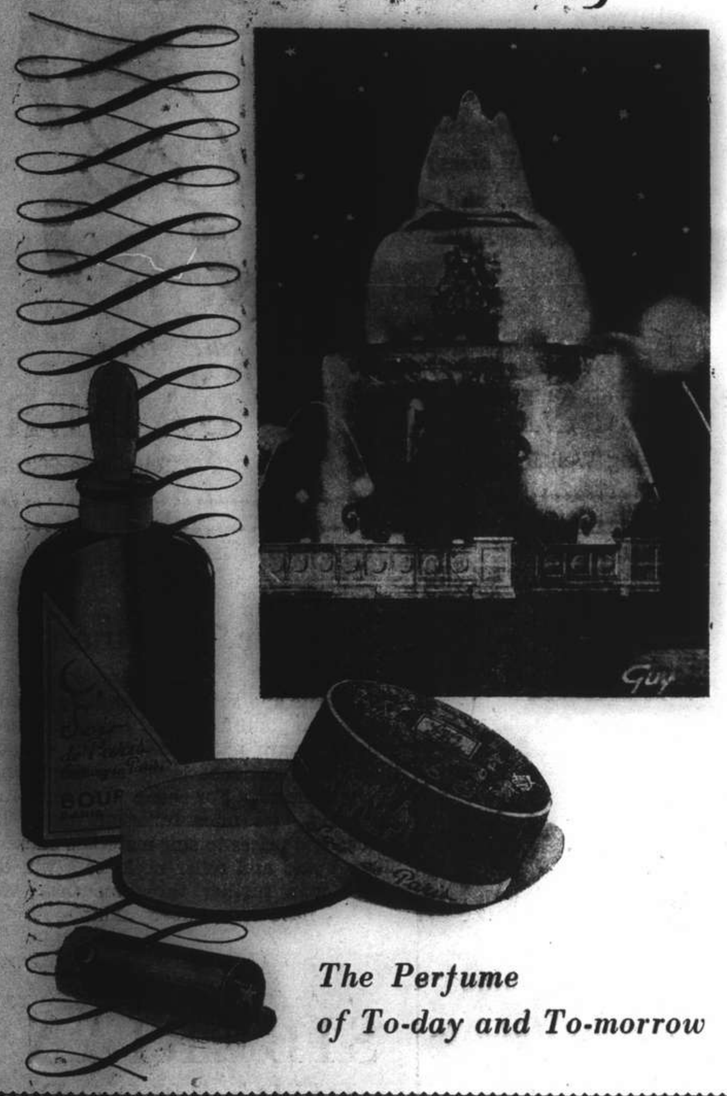

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of covering of this, out of which they can creep at pleasure; and in this form they beg from house to house."

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A Fast and a Festival

In the Western Church, the Sunday before Easter, or Palm Sunday, is counted as the first day of Holy Week, and its ceremonies usher in the series of services, culminating in those of Good Friday. In the Orthodox Eastern Church, Palm Sunday is not included in Holy Week, but is regarded as a joyous festival commemorating the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. There is no longer a procession; but the palms (in Russia they used to be willow twigs) are blessed, and are held by the worshippers during the service.

The earliest mention of a celebration of Palm Sunday dates from a fourth century account of Holy Week celebrations in Jerusalem written by a Spanish lady of rank.

The ceremonies then described were later copied by the Western Church, and during the middle ages in England processions were very popular, the bishop riding on an ass or horse. Flowers, as well as palms and willows, were blessed and carried in procession.

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The consecrated branches had an exorcising power. They were to heal disease, ward off devils, protect the houses where they were set up against lightening and fire, and the fields where they were planted against hail and storms. Some authorities say that the blessing of the early-budding branches was still another intention to christianize a pagan belief. The silky first-budding spring catkins are still called "palms" in the south of England and are used in the churches on Palm Sunday.

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Maundy Thursday

Tomorrow is Maundy Thursday. This day is sometimes also known as "Sheer" or "Chare" Thursday, either in allusion, it is thought, to the "shearing" of heads and beards in preparation for Easter, or more probably in the word's Middle-English sense of "pure," in allusion to the ablutions of the day.

The chief ceremony, as kept from the early middle ages onwards—the washing of the feet of twelve poor men or beggars—was in the early Church almost unknown. But from the fourth century ceremonial foot-washing became yearly more common, till it was regarded as a necessary rite to be performed by the Pope, all Catholic sovereigns, prelates, priests and nobles.

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The word "maundy" comes through the Old French *mandé* from the Latin, in allusion to the words, "A new commandment give I unto you," after the washing of the disciples' feet at the Last Supper.

In England the King washed the feet of as many poor men as he was years old, and then distributed to them meat, money and clothes. Queen Elizabeth performed the ceremony—the paupers' feet being, however, first washed by the yeomen of the laundry with warm water and sweet herbs. James II was the last English monarch to perform the rite. William III delegated the washing to his almoner, and this was usual until the middle of the eighteenth century. Since 1754 the foot washing has been abandoned, and the ceremony now consists of the presentation of Maundy Money, officially called Maundy Pennies.

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The King Makes His Maund

Tomorrow King George will, though in attenuated fashion, make his maund, either personally or through his representative—which last year was the Duke of Kent. The ceremony takes place in Westminster Abbey, and, as the King is in his forty-third year, there will be 43 old men and a like number of old women.

The ancients will form up in two lines in the choir of the Abbey. The Yeomen of the Guard then carry in the silver dishes containing the alms, placed in red and white leather bags for the old men and green and white for the old ladies.

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Probably the Lord High Almoner, the Archbishop of Canterbury, will distribute the alms. He will take the little bags by their long tapes and present them in courtly fashion to the ancient men and women, who usually give him a friendly nod in return.

The sum which they will receive is £4 18s. 7d. by the men, and £4 8s. 7d. by the women. The white bags contain the specially minted silver coins—"as many pence as the King is years of age"—and these are the coins which the old people show off after the service, in the cloisters and Dean's Yard. They were first coined in the reign of Charles II, and come straight from the Mint, having their edges unmilled. The clothes formerly given are now commuted for cash which is put into the coloured bags.

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Good Friday, or "God's Friday"

Good Friday, probably "God's Friday," is the English name for the Friday before Easter, kept as the anniversary of the Crucifixion. It was called "Long Friday" by the Anglo-Saxons and the Danes, possibly in allusion to the length of the church services which marked the day.

From its earliest observance, the day was marked by a specially rigorous fast, and also, on the whole, by a tendency to greater simplicity in the services of the church. Black draperies, no organs, no singing and no bells are the rule.

In Spain no carriages were driven through the streets. In early days in that country it was customary to close the churches altogether on Good Friday as a sign of mourning. In the Greek Church towards evening a dramatic representation of the entombment takes place.

Britain's Holy Mountains

There are two holy mountains in Britain which possess curious clefts in their rocks which are traditionally ascribed to the great earthquake which shook the world on the day of Calvary. One is Skirrid Fawr Mountain in Monmouthshire, South Wales, and the other is the Shropshire Wrekin.

Skirrid Fawr, 1,600 feet in height, is known locally as the Holy Mountain, and its strange shape is crowned by a riven crest, from which are wonderful views of the Black Mountains and the Usk Valley. It lies about three miles north-east of Abergavenny.

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Its fame as a holy mountain spread in the middle ages beyond the borders of the land of Gwent, and such was the belief in its holiness that farmers conveyed its soil across great distances to fertilize their fields. At the burial of their dead the earth from Skirrid's slopes was used to sprinkle on the coffins during the commital service.

On the Wrekin it is the Needle's Eye which tradition says was cleaved by the earthquake on the Crucifixion day.

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Hot Cross Buns

One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!
If you have no daughters
Give them to your sons.

Mr. Pepys had his only Lenten supper in 1664 of "wiggs and ale"—and "wiggs" is still a name for buns in the West of England.

On Good Friday you will eat hot cross buns, and correctly they should be flavoured with mace, cassia and coriander seed. By rights they should only be eaten on this one day of the year. The greedy have, however, been known to buy too many, so that there will be some left over to eat on Saturday.

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They say these delicious buns have a history traceable back to the remotest period of paganism. Cakes were offered by ancient Egyptians to their moon-goddess; and these had imprinted on them a pair of horns, symbolic of the ox at the sacrifice of which they were offered on the altar, or of the horned moon-goddess, the equivalent of Ishtar of the Assyro-Babylonians.

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The Greeks Had a Name for Them

The Greeks offered such cakes to Astarte and other divinities. This cake they called *bous* (ox), in allusion to the ox-symbol marked on it, and from the accusative *boun* it is suggested that the word "bun" is derived.

In time the Greeks marked these cakes with a cross, possibly in allusion to the moon, or more probably to facilitate the distribution of the sacred bread which was eaten by the worshippers.

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Like the Greeks, the Romans ate cross-bread at public sacrifices, such bread being usually purchased at the doors of the temple and taken in with them. At Herculaneum two small loaves, about five inches in diameter and plainly marked with a cross, were found.

In the Old Testament, Jeremiah refers twice to these cakes made in honour of the "queen of heaven," otherwise the pagan moon-goddess. The cross-bread was also eaten by the pagan Saxons in honour of Eoster, their goddess of light. The Mexicans and Peruvians also had a similar custom.

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A World-Wide Custom

The custom was, in fact, practically universal, and the early Church adroitly adopted the pagan practice, grafting it on to the Eucharist. The *boun* with its Greek cross became akin to the Eucharistic bread or cross-marked wafers mentioned in St. Chrysostom's Liturgy. In the medieval Church, buns made from the dough for the consecrated Host were distributed to the communicants after Mass on Easter Sunday.

In France and other countries, such blessed bread is still given in the churches to communicants who have a long journey before they can break their fast. The Holy Eucharist in the Greek Church has a cross printed on it.

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The English Hot Cross Bun

In England there seems to have early been a disposition on the part of the bakers to imitate the Church, and they did a good trade in buns and cakes stamped with a cross, for as far back as 1252 the practice was forbidden by Royal proclamation. But this seems to have had little effect.

In English country districts many superstitions still cling round hot cross buns. It is a common belief that one bun should be kept for luck's sake to the following Good Friday. In Dorsetshire it is thought that a cross-loaf baked on that day and hung over the chimneypiece prevents the bread baked in the house during the year from going "stringy."

Tomorrow night in every little village bakehouse in England they will be mixing the hot cross buns, to be delivered on Good Friday morning with the morning bread and eaten hot and buttered for breakfast and later again for tea. Because they only appear once a year they somehow taste peculiarly good.

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Russian "Holy Night"

This year Russian Easter coincides with that of the Western Church. On Easter Eve, or Holy Night, everyone from the biggest to the smallest goes to church. At 11 p.m. on Saturday Shanghai's Russian churches will be filled to overflowing. Usually there are crowds standing outside. The men wear formal clothes, the women dress in white.

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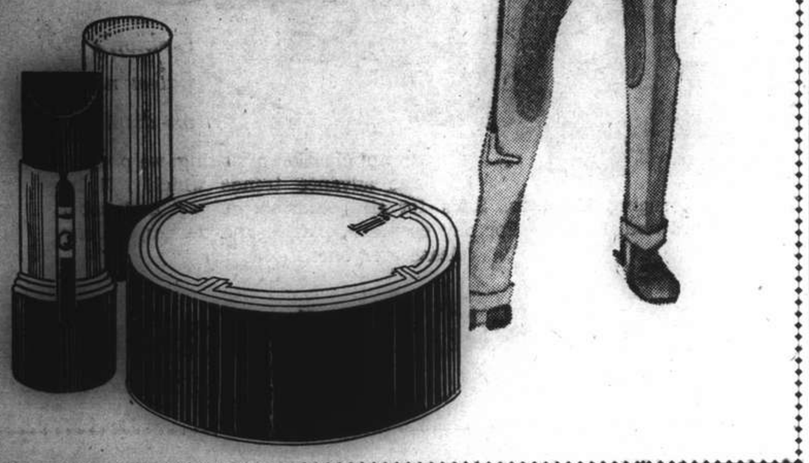

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The Great Feasting

All this week the Russian housewife is baking, boiling and frying in preparation for the great Easter feast. Avenue Joffre shops are packed with Easter foodstuffs, ham, turkeys, ducks, fresh and smoked geese, legs of lamb, sheep, sausage in all its forms, *pashka* made from widely different sorts of *tvorog* (curd), *kulichi* (Easter cakes) of all sizes, eggs in all colours. The poorest will buy something—however small.

The Russian Easter table is a masterpiece. Starting on Holy Night and continuing for three days after the Great Lent is the great feasting.

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Shanghai Russians keep up the old custom of paying Easter visits, devoting all day to dropping in on friends and acquaintances.

In the first day of the festivities only men are allowed to pay visits, but on the second and third days women may go visiting as well.

The traditional Russian greeting on Easter Day is "Christ is risen!" and the answer comes, "He is risen indeed!" Thomas Creevey, the diarist, writing a century ago, says that anyone—no matter how humble his status—who came face to face with the Russian Empress on Easter Day might greet her with a kiss. Thomas Howitt says the same, but adds that the passport to this greeting must be the offering of an egg.

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Mysterious Easter Egg

What of the Easter egg—is it just an egg? Not it!

The egg has been the symbol of the resumption of life amongst the most ancient of all peoples—the Hebrews, Hindoos and Egyptians.

The Hebrews regarded it as a type of the whole human world, in Noah and his family being shut up in the Ark as in an egg. They regarded it, moreover, as a type of their having passed through the Red Sea, and ascended, as it were, to a new life out of it. They therefore laid it, and perhaps still do, on the table at the feast of the Passover.

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The Hindoos celebrated the same great event of the Deluge and the Ark under the story of the god Vishnu once, in a cycle, enclosing all the world with him in an egg, and floating on the ocean of eternity, till the time came to reproduce himself and all things with him. The Egyptian symbol of the world is a winged egg.

In the pictographic religious manuscripts belonging to certain curious tribes in the West China mountains, the egg is used to symbolize man and his origin.

Hence the egg, through all ages, has held, in almost every nation, the same high symbolic character, and, introduced into the Christian Church, displays itself at Easter.

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Mad March Hares

But it is, nevertheless, the hares who lay the eggs on Easter Eve. Therefore the image of the hare sits proudly alongside the glorified eggs, or broods over them in baskets. No eggs taste so well as those that have been found among the grasses and bushes of gardens, if you can bring yourself to get up early enough to find them. It is a wonder we don't keep hares instead of hens. But then, it isn't always Easter Eve.

Perhaps it is the Marchian influence which makes the hare lay eggs. March hares will even play with dogs—which is almost as astonishing as laying eggs. Last spring a man on an English downland walk saw his dog and a hare collaborate spontaneously in a game which was a mixture of a romp, catch-as-catch-can, and grandmother's footsteps.

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Hares will box with each other during March—or even "shadow-box" by themselves. These curious vagaries are, however, not always confined to March. A walker in Wales last October, noticing the "idiotic caperings" of a hare in Anglesey, stalked to within 20 yards of the animal, reported that she

> jumped up three times into the air and then squatted down and suddenly jumped high and across the dike. Then she did the same thing from the other side and back again. She did this in all three times over and three times back. My dogs behaved exceptionally well under the temptation in front of them. When one of them made a movement forward the hare suddenly stood up on her hind legs and let out a terrible scream and went off hell for leather.

A lady who behaves like this is certainly capable of laying a chocolate egg in a garden on Easter Eve.

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A Hundred Years Ago

Let us turn Mr. William Howitt's 90-year-old pages and see what he says about Easter eggs and customs. For, like everyone well brought up in his day, he was a travelled man.

"In Germany," says he, "for some days before Easter, the market appears full of hard-boiled eggs, deeply dyed with bright colours. These are laid with little sugar hares in the gardens on Easter Eve, towards dusk, amongst the grass and bushes; and the children are told that on this night the hares lay eggs, and they are up early in the morning to look for them.

"Father, mother, and all the elder brothers and sisters, make as much pretence about these hares' eggs, and sugar hares, as about their Christmas Christ-child and his gifts; and go out and rejoice in the surprise of the children, as they discover these many-coloured eggs, as much as the children themselves.

"In many places the poor children go round and beg these eggs, lay them upon green leaves in a basket of field flowers, and at evening roast and eat them.

Red and Violet Eggs of France

"In France the custom is much the same. The market is filled in the week preceding Easter with the boiled eggs, dyed dark red or violet colour, and the children amuse themselves with them, and then eat them.

"Throughout the country of Bonneval on the day preceding Easter Sunday, and during the first days of that week, the clerks of the different parishes, beadles and certain artizans, go about from house to house to ask for their eggs.

"The Egyptians used to dye them red, because they said the world was on fire at this time. The Christians continued the colour in memory of the blood of the Saviour shed for them on the cross.

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Mid-Victorian Customs

"In England, in the more rural districts, these eggs, now corrupted from Paschal, pasch, to pace-eggs, are still to be seen at Easter; and in Lancashire you may hear under your windows the clatter of the wooden shoes of the children early on Easter Monday morning, who are running to and fro to beg their pace-eggs.

"Such is one of a dozen or more singular observations at Easter, all ancient, but this is the most ancient of all. Few, indeed, who see or handle a parti-coloured pace-egg, reflect that it dates its history from the Flood!

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Pageants of the Church

"In Catholic countries this festival is still celebrated with great pomp and circumstance. Independently of feelings of devotion, every impulse of life is put in motion.

"Lent, with all its asceticism and abstinence and gloom, is over; it is gone for a whole year. The season and the circumstances call on the people to rejoice, and they do not need calling on twice. There are visitings, balls, dinners, suppers, masquerades: the people fill the streets and taverns with songs.

"At Jerusalem, the church of the Holy Sepulchre is crowded, often with as many as 7,000 pilgrims, who wait for the giving out of the sacred fire on Easter Sunday morning.

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In the Holy City

"At Rome, as I have elsewhere observed, the morning is ushered in with the firing of cannon and the ringing of all the bells in the city.

"The Pope is carried aloft through the church of St. Peter, attended by his guards in princely uniforms. He is shaded by waving peacock's feathers.

"There are the ambassadors and their wives; the senators and their trains; the Armenian bishops and priests in very splendid robes; the cardinals, bishops, and all the Roman troops in grand procession.

"The Pope blesses the people from the terrace, who receive the benediction on their knees, and look up with eager eyes for the indulgences which are scattered among them by the cardinals. In the evenings there is a grand illumination of St. Peter's.

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Old Days, Old Ways

"Besides these, the Catholic churches at Easter were formerly everywhere the scenes of displays that to us would appear most extraordinary.

"The whole drama of the sepulchre and resurrection was acted. These church plays, as they were called, cost great sums, and would be now thought great scandals. In the churches of the continent you still see the chapels of the sepulchre where these exhibitions were, and probably still are, in some places, made.

"In England, the clergy, after service, threw up a ball in the church, and there was a regular game. The very archbishops and bishops, if present, threw the ball, and engaged in the sport with their clergy. This, no doubt, originated in the egg, which used to be tossed about and played with as a ball.

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In Germany and Vienna

"In Germany the ceremonies in the Catholic churches on Easter Sunday are often very beautiful. Processions of children, all in white and crowned with flowers, march round the church after the priests, visiting the different shrines and joining in the singing. In the *very* Catholic districts, they march out and visit in this manner the shrines in the streets and by the waysides.

"In Vienna, the Prater, or Grand Park, is passed through by a procession often not less than six miles in length. The emperor and royal family lead the way. They are followed by the nobility and every carriage in the city succeeds, and ten of thousands walk on foot. There is no scene like it in Europe.

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"The common people finish the day in what they call the Sausage Prater, a part of the park where they have swings, whirligigs, puppet-shows, theatres, and all sorts of refreshments. The fine elms wave coolly over their heads, and numbers of fine, tame stags walk amongst them and receive dainties.

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England Grew Less Grave

"In England parliament winds up, for a week or ten days, its long-winded speeches; the lawyers do, or did, put off their law-*suits*, and, in holiday garb, take those unlucky toads, their clients, from under the harrow.

"Schools still dismiss their pupils who live near to the joys of home; and the working-people indulge themselves with *one day's* relaxation at least.

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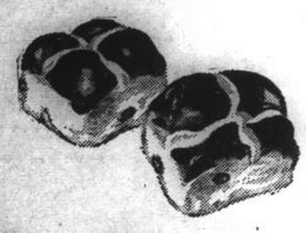

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"Out of all the alleys and close courts of the huge metropolis men, women, and children pour to catch a breath of fresh air, for once, on the heights of Greenwich Park; to partake in all the fun of a country fair, and to see the youngsters take their roll down the hill.

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"There is much going on that must die out as the taste and moral feeling of the masses progress. Vulgarity and low debauch will, with this advance, disappear. The wisdom will be to drop the folly and retain the fun.

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The Epping Hunt

"In the meantime, such are the attractions of Greenwich, and the facilities of the steamers, that that attraction of former days—the Epping Hunt—has sunk to the most perfect burlesque.

"I went to visit it a year or two ago. But where were the lord mayor and the aldermen who used to go there in all their glory? Where were the surrounding thousands?

"On the top of the hill, near the Bald-faced Stag, stood a few carriages with ladies in them; a few gentlemen on horseback; a few vendors of oranges and gingerbeer, and a few professors of the game cockshy, or will-pegs, ready to afford young men the opportunity of winning a snuff-box by the flinging of a stick. There might be a couple of hundreds of people assembled.

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An Obliging Stag

"On came the huntsmen with their stag in a covered cart; the chief huntsman blew dismally on a tin horn; the cart stopped, the door was opened, but out did not come the stag. It appeared a tame one hired for the occasion and quite contented to remain where it was.

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"SIX hounds followed the cart—the whole splendid pack! They waited with the same *nonchalance* till the huntsman roused the stag, and compelled it to leap out of the cart. Once out, however, it did not seem at all alarmed by the sight of men and dogs. The dogs were equally quiescent.

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"Neither dogs nor stag seemed desirous of the trouble of a run; but as a hunt there *must* be, the stag was actually driven off by the huntsman and hooted off by the crowd.

"Away it went; certainly in a very obliging manner, for it evidently preferred the company of the people and the vicinity of the gingerbread stalls; and away went, after some spirited setting on, *four* of the hounds.

"One coolly declined the invitation, and laid himself down under the cart; the other as coolly set off on his way homewards again, which, as we returned soon afterwards, we found him pursuing in as calm, sedate, and philosophical a tone of mind as any of the dogmatic school could well evince.

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It Liked Being Hunted

"The stag had a large label attached to his neck—I suppose to warn anyone against killing it; and the galloping of the horsemen giving spirit to the dogs, away went the stag gaily before them, flapping its great white label, just as several old ladies on the hill were flapping the crumbs and creases out of their white pocket-handkerchiefs, in which they had brought their luncheons.

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"The next moment it plunged into the wood below and was lost. Disconsolate horsemen followed to the outskirts of the wood; boys rushed in amongst the trees with shouts and howls, but in vain; the stag was as clean gone—perhaps to sleep in some snug thicket—as if it had been an enchanted one, and vanished into thin air.

"But certainly never *less* enchanted seemed stags or dogs, or people. The cunning creature never reappeared, and, therefore, I speedily disappeared; as, indeed, the Cockney Hunt will in a few more seasons.

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Mid-Victorian Diversions

"In fact, the people now fly at higher game than the hunting of a creature looking, with its label, more like a bottle of hartshorn than a hart of Greece.

"They have steamers and railroads and such places as the gardens and galleries of Hampton Court, the cartoons of Raphael, the paintings of Titian and Correggio, and the sweet slopes and wooded hills of Greenwich and Richmond parks have charms for them that draw them from the more boisterous amusements of their ancestors, or the stupifying of the beer-shop.

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"On such days such places as St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey should stand wide open; the Colosseum and the Polytechnic be accessible at the smallest possible price. Zoological gardens, and all kinds of rational and elevating pleasures, should be thrown open to the growing taste in the million.

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"And yet, amongst the numerous customs and game of past times, what should banish the brisk foot-race, and the game of football on the village-green? What should banish the gammon of bacon and the tansy-pudding from the family board?

"In the holidays of the future, taste will banish vulgarity, but no hilarity; youth and age, mind and body, will all find themselves included in the circle of the general day.

Suggestions for This Year's Easter Egg Hunters

When in doubt at Easter give an egg—it is adequate and a good thing to fall back upon. It is wonderful, too, how many things will take on an ovoid shape to eyes which have learned to see.

Not so long ago a mathematically-minded American magazine asked some 2,000 men and women what single thing within reason they would most like if they had the chance of a present.

Fifteen per cent of men apparently like a watch as a present, and 12 per cent of women like something for the home. Next for the men came motor cars and overcoats (may they get them!) and the women this time plumped for wrist watches and furs.

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What the Problem Is

The shops don't make things too easy for us—we are far more likely to be lost in the plenty they spread before us than harrassed by the difficulty of getting what we want.

Present-givers fall broadly into four types. There are those who say, "I like people to buy presents by thinking out what the receiver would like, and then the present is a real surprise." There are those who ask frankly, "What do you want for Easter?" and state roundly what *they* want, leaving you to buy.

There are those who like to have the money and buy their presents for themselves, dealing with others as they wish to be done by, of course. There are those who insist that they don't want people to spend money on presents these days—and so some little thing just *has* to be bought for them, in case they didn't mean what they said.

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When asked what one wants for a present it is difficult to reply on the spur of the moment. This is not because there are not many wants but because they have not been noted for the moment, because it is difficult to know what the enquirer wants to spend, and often because one is terrified of what may be presented.

It is a good thing to choose something which may be bought at different prices, so that the would-be giver may then pay exactly what he or she wants to. Things to eat and drink make good presents, even to those who theoretically despise them.

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Some Helpful Ideas

Pleasant presents at this time of the year are the accessories of travelling, from a really water-proof sponge bag to the sort of bag with two handles, a yielding body, and a zipper fastening. This is not large and it holds everything.

A good knife is a pleasing present to some men, and so is a good fountain pen, while a camera is something which will give a lifetime of delight.

Delightful large presents are reed chairs with good long seats and cushioned even unto the leg-pieces. These are not a matter of taste. Everyone likes them, and they are just as comfort-making in the house as on warm days in the garden.

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On the Scent

Men should not shy off perfume as a gift because they "don't know what she uses." Nowadays a woman changes her perfume nearly as often as she changes her frock.

On the other hand, they should not try to be too clever in their choice. That alluring individual perfume she wears when in full regalia is her own secret, and she may not wish to divulge it or change it to the scent of your choice.

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A flower perfume that she will like to wear at all other times is a safe choice.

Consider, too, the approval with which a casket of preparations (face powder, talcum, bath oil or salts, all perfumed to match) will be greeted. The powder can usually be changed if it isn't the right colour.

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The Right Gloves and Stockings

Choosing gloves is easy if you bear in mind the simple axiom—smart women prefer plain gloves. If she wears black for formal occasions, you can safely go for colour.

In choosing stockings, as in choosing gloves, go for quality and cut, and no fancy work. If in your generosity you order several pairs, they should all be of the same shade. Stockings of identical size sometimes vary in leg length; see that you get the longest available.

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Now About Handbags

Is she a handbag-fumbler? Be careful to choose her a shallow bag that her things can't hide in—something wider than it is deep. It will add a great deal to your own comfort next time you go out with her.

Is she a handbag-stuffer? Then give her something very outsize that will swallow everything from a novel to a manicure set.

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Jewellery That Isn't

Don't reject the idea of "jewellery that isn't," either, because you feel that nothing short of the "real thing" is worthy of her. It is far more peaceful, really, in these days of robbers and snatchers to wear something that won't cause a fit of hysterics if it is lost.

Also, jewellery is no longer an extra. It is part of a woman's dress. So plunge boldly in and look out for the chunkiest, boldest bits of synthetic that you can find.

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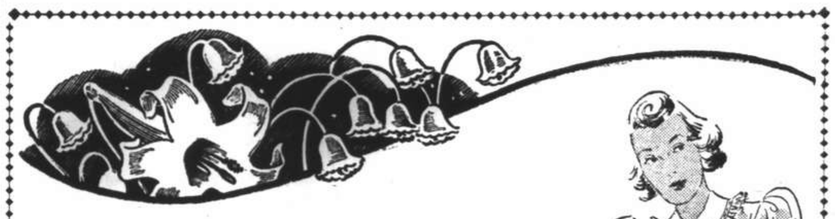

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Britain United in Pledge To Stop Aggression

German Moves Destroy Confidence; Guarantees for Peace Now Sought

London, Apr. 3.

EXCLAIMING amid loud cheering that "the declaration I made on Friday last was a tremendous departure from anything this country has undertaken, and from our constituted and traditional ideas," Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Premier, added that this declaration was "not concerned with frontier incidents." Speaking during the foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons today, Mr. Chamberlain emphasized that his declaration was concerned with the "big things that might lie behind frontier incidents. If Poland were threatened, I have no doubt that the Polish people would resist. In that case, the declaration means that France and ourselves would immediately come to her assistance (Cheers).

"I believe," Mr. Chamberlain went on, "that this nation is now united not only in approval of what we have said, but in approval of the aim and purpose which lie behind it. I believe that the whole Empire shares in that approval. Members of the British Commonwealth beyond the seas have hitherto watched our efforts for peace with the fervent hope that they might be successful. All of them have had a growing consciousness that we cannot live for ever in the atmosphere of surprise and alarm from which Europe has suffered in recent months. The common business of life cannot be carried on in a state of uncertainty. So far as it has been possible for His Majesty's Government to help to restore confidence by plain words, we have done our part, and in doing so I am certain we have expressed the will of this people."

Following upon a passage in the speech made by Mr. Anthony Eden, the former Foreign Secretary, in the course of the debate today, in which he said that "we had better clear decks, and the order paper too," a motion for the "formation of a National Government on the widest basis" was withdrawn.

Referring to the crisis last September in the earlier part of his speech, the Prime Minister mentioned the assurance given to him, and not to him only but to the world, that the German Government had no wish to dominate other races; but that all they wanted was to assimilate Germans living in adjacent territories within their own country.

"We were told," the Premier declared, "that when that was done, it would be the end, and that there would be no further territorial ambitions.

"Assurances Thrown to Winds"

"Those assurances have now been thrown to the winds absolutely.

"That has completely destroyed confidence, and has forced the British Government to make this great departure, of which I gave the first intimation last week. We are now told that there are other reasons for the recent events in Czechoslovakia—historical associations, and fear of attack. They may be excellent reasons, but they do not accord with assurances given before (cheers). It was inevitable that they should raise doubts as to whether other reasons might not be found for further expansion.

"I am not asserting today that this challenge has been made. No official statement that I know of has ever formulated such ambition, although there have been plenty of unofficial talks.

"The effect of recent events, however, has penetrated far beyond the limits of the countries concerned, probably far farther than was anticipated by those who brought them about."

"Encirclement" Refuted

Referring to the suggested "encirclement" of Germany, Mr. Chamberlain continued, "It is fantastic to suggest that a policy which is a policy of self-defence can be described as encirclement, if by that term is meant encirclement for the purpose of aggressive action.

"I do not wish today to attempt to specify what Governments we may, now or in the near future, find it desirable to consult on the situation, but I would make one allusion to the Soviet Union, because I quite appreciate that the Soviet Union is always in the thoughts of members of the Opposition, and that they are still a little suspicious as to whether so-called ideological differences may not be dividing us in what otherwise would be the interests of both of us.

"I do not pretend for a moment that ideological differences do not exist. They remain unchanged, but our point is that whatever may be those ideological differences, they do not really count in a question of this kind. What we are concerned with is to preserve our independence. Here, I mean the independence of all states which may be threatened by aggression. We therefore welcome the co-operation of any country, whatever may be its internal system of government, not in aggression, but in resistance to aggression."

British Unity Demonstrated

The Premier said that the result of the debate would be to show the world that the House was fundamentally and generally unanimous in its approval of the declaration he had made on Friday. The House would show itself united and determined to take whatever measures might be necessary to render the declaration effective.

Mr. Chamberlain then expressed approval of the description which

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Lord Halifax Gives Government View

Lord Arnold Alone Says Guarantee to Poland is "Unwise, Dangerous"

London, Apr. 3.

Reference to the British Government's recent guarantee to Poland was made in the House of Lords today by Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.

Lord Halifax said that, after the statement of Her Hitler on January 30 last, it seemed possible to hope that nothing would occur to shake the confidence of Europe.

His Majesty's Government was anxious to co-operate, and with that end in view the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Oliver Stanley) accepted the German Government's invitation to visit Berlin, in order to assist in trade negotiations.

Lord Halifax recalled the German occupation of Bohemia and Moravia, and added:—

"It is not necessary for me to stress the apprehension to which this action gave rise."

The incorporation into the Reich of nearly 8,000,000 Czechs, Lord Halifax said, was clearly a departure from the principles which Herr Hitler had hitherto proclaimed. It was not unnatural that, in the light of such a departure, other countries bordering on Germany should feel that their independence might equally be in jeopardy.

Consultations Proceeding

It seemed important, therefore, for His Majesty's Government to take steps to re-establish some measure of confidence in Europe, and the Government had been in communication with certain other Governments with this in view. These consultations, Lord Halifax declared, were still proceeding, but he was not in a position to make any final statement.

"I may say," the Foreign Secretary added, "that the Government is fully alive to the importance of the attitude of the Soviet Government, and attach value to good relations with them. We are bound to have regard to the fact that the relations of some States with Russia are complicated, but I can assure the House that so far as His Majesty's Government is concerned these difficulties do not exist."

The Foreign Secretary stressed the fact that the British Government's contacts with the French Government throughout these anxious times had been very close. The two Governments, he declared, found themselves at one on all points, and the British Government had constantly been able to count on ready and whole-hearted co-operation from the French.

Discussions with Col. Beck

Referring to the arrival in London today of Colonel Joseph Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax stated that he was looking forward to a frank discussion with him on many problems of common interest.

Again referring to the Government's action regarding Poland, Lord Halifax said that this had been represented in certain quarters as a desire for the encirclement of Germany.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

"It is the case," Lord Halifax added, "that a strong Germany is set in the midst of Europe, and if her neighbours feel apprehension as to her intentions and intend to take common action in self-defence, that result flows from instinctive reaction, and certainly is not the creation of any outside departure in British policy. We have undertaken this commitment not in any spirit of hostility to any country, but in the hope and belief that by so doing we might strengthen the cause of European stability and peace."

Opposition Give Support

Lord Snell, former Labour M.P., giving the Labour Party's view on the situation, said that the "Government has our support in the statement we have just heard, and we welcome the change in policy it implies."

Lord Crewe, giving the Opposition Liberal views, also supported the Government's declaration.

Lord Arnold expressed surprise at the Opposition's view that there should be no immediate debate. He said that history would recall that Britain's guarantee to Poland was "one of the unwisest and most dangerous decisions ever made."

The House then adjourned.—Reuter.

Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 4.

Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, formerly British Minister in Mexico City, has been appointed Minister in Budapest, to succeed Sir Geoffre Knox.—Reuter.

Anglo-Polish Parleys Begin in London

London, Apr. 4.

Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, will meet Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, in Mr. Chamberlain's rooms in the House of Commons at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The talks, which will continue until a late hour as Colonel Beck will be the guest of honour at a dinner to be given by the Foreign Office, will be resumed tomorrow.

In addition to the political discussions, it is learned that certain economic and trade matters may be touched on.

Large crowds gathered at Victoria Station today to greet Colonel Beck and the members of his suite.—Reuter.

Rumania May Join New Bloc

Coalition of Balkan States Anticipated

London, Apr. 3.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons today confirms Britain's determination to organize an anti-aggression coalition similar to the historic coalition formed during the Napoleonic wars more than a century ago, commentators stated this evening.

The first step will probably be the extension of Britain's guarantee to Poland to Rumania. This would entail a readjustment of the present Polish-Rumanian defensive pact to permit joint defence against any attack. The Poles are reluctant to envisage any eventual conflict with Hungary, it was stated, but in Bucharest it is insisted that the Polish alliance should be so enforced as to prevent Hungary from ever serving the purposes of German aggression.

Objections to Soviet co-operation in the new system of collective security, observers added, have now been discarded as the Soviets will become "non-military" participants. They will only supply raw and war materials.

Britain has already inquired about present Polish and Rumanian intentions, it was declared, and Colonel Joseph Beck, visiting Polish Foreign Minister, and M. Virgil Tilea, Rumanian Ambassador, were expected to forward shortly the replies of their respective Governments.

East European Support

Authoritative quarters also indicated today that Britain will try to secure the support of all countries determined to defend their independence.

Great significance was attached to the conference held over the week-end by Sir O. G. Sargent, Head of the East European Department in the Foreign Office, with the Hungarian, Greek and Yugoslavian Ministers to Britain. It is being hoped that the Balkan situation will soon be clarified by Bulgaria's adherence to the Balkan Entente and by an understanding among Bulgaria, Rumania and Turkey. This would permit extension of Rumanian assistance through the Black Sea and via the strategic Dardanelles should the need arise.

Scandinavian countries enter the scheme of things in that they would supply raw materials, while the Anglo-Portuguese alliance would be strengthened to protect Portugal's colonies.

British quarters also voiced confidence today that London's projected financial assistance to Spain will gain Spanish support for Britain.

British politicians stated today that they did not believe Italy was contemplating serious action in the Balkans, although it was reiterated in some quarters that Rome contemplated establishing a protectorate over Albania.—Havas.

French View on Outlook

Paris, Apr. 3.

French politicians welcomed the firmness of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons today. They stated that it would facilitate the success of Anglo-Polish parleys during the present visit to London by Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister.

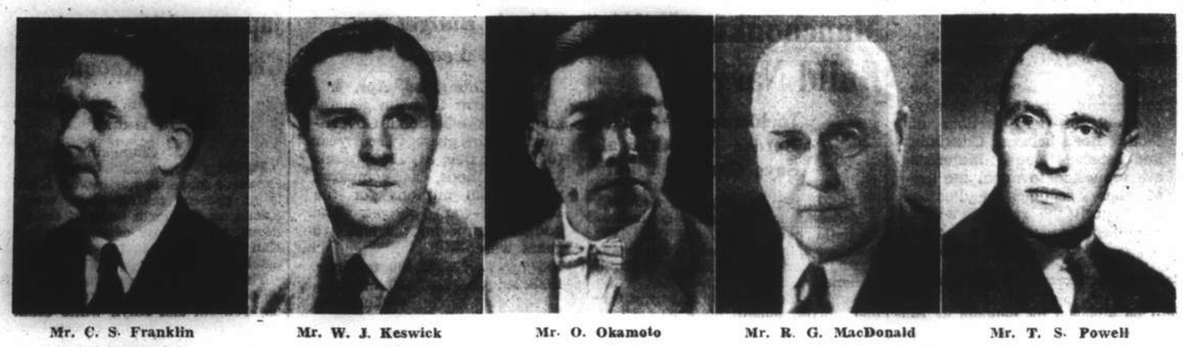
Britain's guarantee of assistance to Poland leaves Warsaw free to decide when it should actually be applied. Poland, they added, will not refuse to effect some sort of readjustment in the status of Danzig despite Britain's guarantee but Poland will refuse total revision of the Free City's position or its annexation by the Reich.

The chief difficulty in the way of forming a common front against aggression, it is noted, now arises out of Warsaw's reluctance to accept possible active intervention by Soviet forces in Polish territory as Poland would rather receive only supplies. It is also remarked, however, that Moscow has issued a semi-official Note emphasizing that Russia has not made any promises to supply war materials to either Poland or Rumania.—Havas.

Moscow Prepares for War

Moscow, Apr. 3.

The Government announced today that it was planning to train 100,000 to replace men as tractor drivers on Soviet co-operative farms in the event war breaks out in Europe. The women tractor drivers would immediately free 100,000 for military training and service at the front, it was pointed out.—United Press.



Mr. C. S. Franklin — Mr. W. J. Keswick — Mr. O. Okamoto — Mr. R. G. MacDonald — Mr. T. S. Powell

Mr. G. E. Mitchell — Mr. T. Sugisaka — Mr. A. C. Cornish — Mr. G. A. Haley — Mr. R. D. K Silby, Land Commissioner.

Foreign Members of Council Elected En Bloc

The foreign members of the Shanghai Municipal Council who will represent the ratepayers during the coming year were yesterday declared to be elected en bloc, there being no more than the requisite number of names put forward for election. Mr. R. D. K. Silby was re-elected commissioner at the same time.

Washington Believes British Lead Averts European War

Berlin Confident Offers of Aid Will Be Refused by "Satellites"; Rome Angered

Washington, Apr. 4.

AUTHORITATIVE diplomatic quarters believed today that the leadership in Europe of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in forming the new anti-aggression bloc had averted the possibility of an immediate general European war. High United States officials privately approved of Mr. Chamberlain's declarations regarding German aggressions and methods of placing Germany under control.

Germany, it is believed, may claim Danzig and the Polish Corridor, but it is expected here that negotiations instead of force will be attempted. Britain's pledges of military assistance to nations encircling Germany were credited here with bringing Nazi aggression by force to a complete standstill for the present.—United Press.

Spratley Island a French Problem

Senator Borah Warns U.S. Against Being Involved; Philippines Not Affected

Washington, Apr. 3.

Senator William Borah, veteran member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today warned the United States against projecting too much interest in Japan's military occupation of the Spratley Islands, midway between Manila and Singapore. He pointed out that France claimed sovereignty over the islands and that Japan's action there was consequently entirely France's problem.

Senator Borah said the Spratley Islands were of no more significance to the United States than other islands and territories which Japan has occupied near the Philippines. He said from a military standpoint the Philippines already were indefeisible before Japan occupied the Spratley Islands.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat of Utah and another member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Japan's seizure of the islands was a "perfectly logical manœuvre in conjunction with Japanese occupation of Hainan Island." He said occupation of the Spratley Islands by Japan helped to open Japan's path to sources of supplies in the Netherlands East Indies.

Senator Millard E. Tydings, chairman of the Territories and Insular Affairs Committee, meanwhile said that international developments such as Japan's occupation of the Spratley Islands would not affect present consideration of amendments to the Philippine Independence Act.—United Press.

Yankee Clipper Leaves For Southampton

Marignane, Apr. 4.

The Yankee Clipper left at 10.48 a.m. today for Southampton, the last lap in its trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Southampton.—Havas.

New York, Apr. 4.

Great Britain has undertaken definitely to assist small nations to defend themselves against aggression by the Third Reich, the papers stated here this morning, commenting on the statement made in the House of Commons yesterday evening by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister.

The "New York Times" termed the declaration an historic event, but doubted whether the Reich understood the full significance of the British engagements as revealed when Herr Hitler, in his speech at Wilhelshaven, questioned Great Britain's right to intervene in the "Reich's zone of influence."

"This right," the paper added, "is to risk British lives and riches in an attempt to give small nations the strength and determination to resist German pressure, to ensure their independence, and to put an end to the German push in Central Europe. The Reich's challenge to the world has been taken up by the British Government's decision, taken with the full knowledge of the risks involved by such a policy, hoping and believing that it will result in peace and not war, but with the conviction that it is more dangerous to yield than to remain firm."

The "New York Herald-Tribune" stressed the evolution of British policy and congratulated Mr. Chamberlain for his new attitude towards the U.S.S.R., which, according to the journal, is henceforth a part of the new system of organized defence against Herr Hitler.—Havas.

Berlin Still Confident

Berlin, Apr. 3.

German politicians voiced confidence today in the fact that Germany's "satellite States" would resist British offers of assistance. These quarters re-emphasized that Germany was determined to resist all attempts at encirclement. They made no detailed comments on the statements in the Houses of Commons and Lords today by Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.—Havas.

"Umbrella of Damocles"

Berlin, Apr. 3.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons today is viewed with extreme scepticism here. "What makes us so suspicious," one political commentator told Reuter, "is that calls for help are not uttered by those who want it, but by those who bring it." The assurance that Britain has no desire to menace Germany is regarded here as a "phrase."

The "Lokal-Anzeiger" writes that "Mr. Chamberlain wants to hold up his umbrella as a Sword of Damocles over Germany."—Reuter.

German "Warnings" Expected

Berlin, Apr. 4.

Germany intends to warn small European Powers against alignment with Britain and France against the Totalitarian Powers, Nazi circles indicated here today.

The semi-official "Diplomatic and Political Correspondence" said that Britain's military guarantees to Poland were "hostile to the German people and pernicious to general peace."—United Press.

Italian Anger Expressed

Rome, Apr. 3.

"Illusion and intrigue continue to inspire the policy of the great democracies," declares Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" on the subject of the visit of Colonel Joseph Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, to London.

Signor Gayda states that the policies of Great Britain and France are "wrong," and warns these two countries that "Italy cannot wait indefinitely."

"Italy," Signor Gayda states, "said she would wait merely as a last proof of her moderation, but her wit may be short. Let the French have no illusions in this regard."

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Commons Interested in Nanking Agitation

London, Apr. 3.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons today that the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, was expecting a report on the alleged anti-British agitation being carried on by the "Reformed Government" at Nanking.—Reuter.

No Formal Election This Year

Nine Nominations Received For Foreign Vacancies; Poll Unnecessary

There will be no formal election held this year for members of the Shanghai Municipal Council. When the nominations closed at noon yesterday at the Council offices, there were only nine nominations presented for the foreign vacancies on the Council and it was therefore declared that no poll will be necessary.

The nine members of the Council for the Municipal year, 1939, are as follow:

Mr. A. C. Cornish, American, Standard Vacuum Oil Company.
Mr. C. S. Franklin, American, Franklin and Harrington.
Mr. G. A. Haley, Birtish, Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Mr. W. J. Keswick, British, Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.
Mr. R. G. MacDonald, British, Dodwell and Co., Ltd.
Mr. G. E. Mitchell, British, Butterfield and Swire.
Mr. T. S. Powell, British, Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.
Mr. O. Okamoto, Japanese.
Mr. T. Sugisaka, Japanese, Osaka Syosen Kaisya.

The two American candidates were selected by the American Election Committee and the five British candidates were selected by the British "straw vote."

The foregoing will act as Councillors from April 20, together with five Chinese Councillors whose election has not yet been notified. The election by the Chinese Ratepayers' Association and other Chinese organizations will be held in the near future.

Mr. R. D. K. Silby was the only nominee put forward by registered land owners in the Settlement as a Land Commissioner for 1939 and he was accordingly declared elected.

Bomb Explodes Outside German Embassy

Chilean Authorities Take Precautions Against Nazis

Santiago, Apr. 4.

A powerful time bomb exploded at 1.50 a.m. today on the sidewalk close to the driveway of the German Embassy here, slightly damaging the Embassy building but harming no person. The explosion smashed a few window panes of the Embassy building in addition to damaging the outer walls.

The German Ambassador to Chile, Baron von Schoen, and his wife were awakened by the explosion and they rose from their beds. They hurried down and inspected the damage after which they returned to their beds. The Baroness in a telephone message to the United Press connected the explosion with the "anti-German press campaign which is going on now."

Meanwhile, the authorities tightened their grip on Nazi movements and activities which were alleged to be spreading throughout Chile. Orders were given to investigate all alleged activities and curb any movements which might harm the country.—United Press.

Plane with French Air Minister Forced Down

Landing Near Woking; No One Injured

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

The aeroplane conveying M. Guy La Chambre, the French Air Minister, to London, where he is to enter into discussions with Sir Kingsley Wood, the Secretary of State for Air, made a forced landing at an aerodrome near Woking today. Nobody was injured.

One of the chief points of the forthcoming talks, it is learned, will be the question of collaboration between the British and French air forces.—Reuter.

Nazi Accusations Refuted in U.S.

Mr. Cordell Hull Denies Trade Discrimination; Barter Method Exposed

Washington, Apr. 4.

German arguments that the United States' commercial policy is responsible for Germany's economic ills, were refuted yesterday by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, when he replied to recent accusations made by Dr. Walther Funk, German Economics Minister. In a statement to the press, Mr. Hull asserted, "All obstacles to German trade in the United States are solely the result of German policy and practices. They are not the results of American legislation aimed especially at German commerce. The German authorities do not seem to wish to trade except by methods which they could dictate."

Mr. Hull added, "During the past few years, the Reich has deviated from the U.S. a great amount of commerce that was formerly profitable to private interests in both countries. "This deviation and reduction of trade aimed solely to serve German purposes, and the result was in turn great and decisive discrimination against American exports. American exports met rigorous control imposed by the Reich and must now compete with trade based upon barter agreements which Germany has signed.

"American trade cannot harmoniously fill, in satisfactory manner, the gaps left unfilled by Germany's barter accords. It is not compelled to do so and it is to the United States' better interests that it does not do so.

Free Exchange Desired

"In exchanging merchandise," Mr. Hull stated, "countries mutually meet their needs. Each finds in the other products that it does not itself produce or goods that it produces at relatively higher prices. This is natural and it is the essence of international commerce.

"A certain portion of trade is therefore carried on by means of barter agreements, although this paralyzes world markets.

"My statement is particularly true in relations to raw materials, for, contrary to productive methods, barter accords necessitate endless negotiations.

"Moreover," Mr. Hull concluded, "barter agreements do not only entail commercial damnation by Governments, but also domination of production. And they create arbitrary discrimination."

German Invitation Renewed

Dr. Hans Thomsen, German Chargé d'Affaires here, told press representatives today that his Government was still prepared to negotiate a trade treaty with the United States.

However, he pointed out, the imposition of a 25 per cent. surtax on the entry of German goods into the United States will make most difficult the conclusion of present negotiations bearing upon the exchange of manufactured products from Germany against American agricultural products.—Havas.

Swedish Industrialists To Visit Britain

Stockholm, Apr. 3.

A delegation of Swedish industrialists will visit Great Britain for further discussions, it was announced after the talks of Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, with members of the Federation of Swedish Industries and the Export Association. The discussions, it was also agreed, might require a return visit of British industrialists to study the possibilities of a Swedish market.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8¼d. U.S.$ 16⅞c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Apr. 4.

"Spot" silver remained unchanged today, while "forward" moved slightly lower today, with quotations being recorded as follows:

	Apr. 3	Apr. 4
London spot	19 13/16d.	19 13/16d.
" forward	19¾d.	19 11/16d.
" gold	148/5d.	148/5½d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$4.6840	$4.6828
One U.S. dollar	51.238d.	51.251d.

—Reuter.

King Ghazi of Iraq Killed in Motor Crash

Popular Monarch Dies After Brief Rule at Age of 27

Baghdad, Apr. 4.

King Ghazi I of Iraq, who ascended the throne on September 8, 1933, was killed in a motor-car accident at about midnight last night. He was the second monarch to occupy the throne since Iraq, formerly a part of the Ottoman Empire, was recognized as an independent kingdom by a treaty with Great Britain on October 10, 1922.

The three-year-old son of the late King Ghazi I has been proclaimed King Feisal II. Emir Abdul Ilah, uncle of the new ruler, has been appointed Regent.

The King was driving his own car to the palace when it hit an electric pylon while travelling at high speed. He lost conciousness immediately and died 40 minutes after midnight of a fractured skull. A bulletin announcing his death was signed by five doctors. The funeral will be fixed in the morning.

The streets of Baghdad are crowded with processions of Arabs wailing and beating on their breast, mourning for their King.

The official communique announcing his death gives the cause as a severe fracture of the skull causing extreme laceration of the brain. Only a few days ago, the King celebrated his 27th birthday.

Accession at Age of 21

King Ghazi, who succeeded to the throne on the sudden death of his father, the late King Feisal, in September, 1933, was only 21 years of age when he shouldered the responsibility of governing Iraq. The young King's great asset was his personal popularity. He had on several occasions acted as Regent for his father, and by his unfailing tact and courtesy had endeared himself to politicians and people alike.

He was born in Mecca on March 21, 1912, and at the age of thirteen was sent to England to be educated. He spent three years at Harrow, where he was very popular, and he distinguished himself at lawn tennis besides being a keen cricketer. He was extremely fond of driving a car, and one of his ambitions was to fly an aeroplane.

In 1928 he returned to his own country, and his father sent him to the Iraq Army School, where he went through the ordinary course of instruction like all the other cadets. On the completion of his military training, he was made A.D.C. to the King which gave him an excellent opportunity to study his father's methods.

In September, 1933, King Feisal, who had been in bad health for some time, was suddenly taken seriously ill in Switzerland, and died. Arrangements were made for the Crown Prince to be enthroned as King soon afterwards.

Marriage after Coronation

Very soon after his coronation it was announced that he was betrothed to his cousin, Princess Aliyah, the daughter of ex-King Ali of the Hedjaz. This announcement, coming so soon after the death of King Feisal, was thought in some quarters to have been actuated by political motives. The young couple had known each other as children but had not met for many years.

He soon showed that he was prepared to take charge of State affairs, for when Rashid Ali, the Premier, presented the resignation of his cabinet, King Ghazi accepted it and entrusted the task of forming a new cabinet to Jamil Beg Midfai, the President of the Chamber of Deputies.

This choice occasioned great surprise, for it was thought that Yassin Pasha, known as "The Strong Man of Iraq," the leader of the Nationalists, was certain to be chosen as Premier.

The King's choice proved wise, for the new Premier was very popular in both Houses of Parliament, and was respected as being a courageous and straightforward statesman.—Reuter.

British Consul Killed By Mosul Crowd

Mosul, Iraq, Apr. 4.

When news of the death of King Ghazi was made known here, a large crowd gathered in a demonstration. The crowd set fire to the British Consulate and killed the Consul, Mr. H. M. Eyres, who was appointed to his post here last year. Confirmation is being awaited.

Mr. Eyres, who was 41, was educated at Marlborough and Caius College, Cambridge. In 1924 he became Probationer Vice-Consul in the Levant Consular Service. He has served in Teheran, Suez, Alexandria, Port Said and Jedda before his post in Mosul.—Havas and Special.

Danzig Issue May Be Discussed in London

Premier's Declaration Must Not Be Minimized

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

Replying to questions on Danzig in the House of Commons today, Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, declared that the question of Danzig would no doubt come up in the forthcoming discussions with Colonel Joseph Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister.

He indicated that the official view on the question of Danzig is that no attempts should be made to minimize the importance of the Premier's declaration last Friday, which must be regarded as of outstanding importance.—Reuter.

Rumours Current in Rome of Italian Coup Against Albania

Forces Concentrated at Bari and Brindisi; Counter-Move Against "Encirclement" Hinted

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Tirana, Apr. 4.

A semi-official statement issued here declares "certain newspapers and several radio stations have announced today that a protectorate over Albania was imminent. This news can be considered as without foundation, as Albania would never admit violation of her independence, or of her integrity."—Reuter.

Concentrations Reported

Rome, Apr. 3.

Rumours which were circulating ten days ago, and which were verbally denied in official circles, that Italian troops were preparing for a landing in Albania, were revived tonight with reports that troopships are standing by for an emergency at Bari and Brindisi. Some 20,000 men are said to be concentrated.

It is gathered in well-informed circles that whatever action Italy took would have the entire agreement of King Zog. The burden of the reports is that Albania would consent to becoming an Italian semi-protectorate.

Coincidental with the renewed reports of Italian designs on Albania, the newspaper "Tevere" prints an article accusing Britain and France of "trying to put three thorns in Italy's side." The first two, the paper states, are Greece and Albania.

The third thorn in Italy's side, according to this journal, is Yugoslavia, "but thanks to Signor Mussolini, peace has reigned for years in the Adriatic," adds the "Tevere."—Reuter.

Violent Reaction Feared

Rome, Apr. 3.

The "Tevere" accused Britain of wishing to encircle the Axis Powers, especially Italy, who would be threatened by the inclusion of Yugoslavia and Greece in the proposed British system.

A map of the Balkan region was published, with Albania prominently figured in the centre together with the Otrente Canal. It was indicated that Italy would react violently against any policy of encirclement.

The newspaper recalled that when Fascism was still young, Signor Benito Mussolini sent a warship to Durazzo, capital of Albania "and thus cut short British and French attempts to influence Albania against Italy."—Havas.

Britain United in Pledge To Stop Aggression

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had been applied to his statement on Friday, "a cover note issued in advance of a complete insurance policy." That statement, he agreed, constituted a new and tremendous departure in British foreign policy—an addition to those carefully limited and defined commitments which were publicly formulated for the British Government by Mr. Anthony Eden (the then Foreign Secretary) in his famous speech at Leamington.

Friday's statement should have been clear beyond possibility of misunderstanding.

It was not concerned with minor little frontier incidents. It was concerned with the big things that lay behind—with the independence of Poland which, if it were threatened, the Polish people would defend. In that case, his statement meant that Great Britain and France would immediately come to Poland's assistance.

September Crisis Recalled

Mr. Chamberlain recalled how, in his broadcast to the nation in those anxious hours on the evening of September 27 last he had said:—

"I am myself a man of peace to the depth of my soul. Armed conflict between nations is a nightmare to me, but if I were convinced that any nation had made up its mind to dominate the world by fear of its force, I should feel it must be resisted. Under such domination, life for the people who believed in liberty would not be worth living."

At that time, Mr. Chamberlain went on, he did not feel that the claims on Czechoslovakia necessarily involved the assumption of Germany's intention to dominate the world. He felt he could not ask the country to accept new commitments for anything less.

Again, at the time of President Roosevelt's New Year message, he had said that a challenge of the kind mentioned by the President—a demand to dominate one by one other nations—must, if it were made, be resisted.

Mr. Chamberlain then explained to the House how the breach of assurances given to him personally by Herr Hitler had "completely destroyed confidence, and compelled revision of the British attitude."

Confidence Uprooted

Recent events, he said, had profoundly shocked and alarmed the whole world, and had united Great Britain from end to end in the conviction that it was necessary now to make the British position "clear and unmistakeable," whatever might be the result.

"No one," Mr. Chamberlain emphasized, "can regret more than I do the necessity of speaking such words.

"I am no more a man of war today than I was in September. I have no intention, no desire to treat the German people otherwise than as I would have our own people treated. I was looking forward with strong hopes to the result of those trade discussions which had already begun in Germany and which might have benefitted both our countries, and many other countries besides.

"But confidence has been shaken, and is not easily repaired."

If Germany really were engaged in an attempt to dominate the world by force, the Premier went on, the matter would not rest where it stood today.

If the German Government had never thought of hegemony, so much the better. In that case, any agreements made to safeguard the independence of countries which appeared to be threatened would never need to come into operation.

"I trust," the Premier concluded, "that our action, begun but not concluded, will prove to be the turning point, not towards war, which wins nothing, cures nothing and ends nothing, but towards some more reasonable era when reason will take the place of force, and threats will make way for cool and well-marshalled argument."

Labour Stand Clarified

Opening today's debate for the Opposition, in the absence of Mr. C. R. Attlee, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said he believed that before the House rose, it would be made clear to the world that there was universal determination among the British people to co-operate with other nations in establishing a formidable and insurmountable barrier against future aggression.

In bringing the approval of the Labour Party to the Premier's declaration on Friday, he said he hoped that the limited agreement which it signified would grow into a "much more broadly based scheme of mutual protection and insurance."

So far as the Government worked on these lines, they would have the Labour Party's support. If they departed from this task, they would meet with its hostility.

Mr. Greenwood said he wished it clearly understood that "Labour has not become a 'yes-man' to the National Government for Labour is concerned more with principles and policies than with persons."

Liberal Support Expressed

Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, said he considered the interim guarantee given to Poland was an instalment in the existing situation—and an indispensable instalment.

Unless he was mistaken, the aim of the Government was less to make sure of victory in a possible war than to stop war breaking out.

That Herr Hitler was aiming at world domination, Sir Archibald declared, was "not now in dispute," and therefore it was clear that the only way of stopping war was to build up invincible resistance to aggression, and to make it clear to Herr Hitler and his generals, beyond shadow of doubt, that if he attacked any of his neighbours, he would face war on two fronts.

While the British people loathed war, they would never be able to negotiate successfully with Herr Hitler so long as he knew that the British Government would shrink from war in the last resort.

Mr. Churchill's Views

Mr. Winston Churchill, Conservative member for the Epping Division of Essex, ridiculed the idea that British policy is aimed at encirclement. He said that he had always preached the doctrine that similar assurances be given to Germany herself, if she desired.

"If Herr Hitler fears that he will be overrun by Russia; that he will be fallen upon by Poland; that he will be attacked by Belgium or Holland, or be browbeaten by Denmark, he has only to declare his anxiety openly in order to receive the most solemn international guarantees," Mr. Churchill declared.

"It is wonderful," continued Mr. Churchill, "that, led by the Prime Minister, Britain at length has declared in the clearest terms, and almost with unanimity, that the defence of European freedom is a cause in which she will dare all, and do all.

"He will be a bold dictator who will set himself to destroy the French Republic and the British Empire acting together. The process of building up mutual security must continue."

Russia's Important Part

Mr. Churchill said he was glad that the Prime Minister had repudiated attempts to belittle the guarantee given to Poland. The Government's attitude towards Russia, he said, was well-conceived. Russia was a ponderous counterpoint in the scales of world peace, and she is profoundly affected by German ambitions.

"For the first time, Britain has taken the initiative against Nazi aggression, and for the first time the Nazi leaders have seen themselves confronted with the possibility of war on two fronts."

Mr. David Lloyd George, Opposition Liberal member for Carnarvon, heartily congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on reverting to the policy on which he had fought his last elections—namely, "no cowardly surrender to aggressors." The Prime Minister, he said, had opened up a new chapter in the history of Great Britain, and of the nations of the earth.

Mr. Lloyd George emphasized the urgent importance of securing the pledged support of the "greatest military power in the world—namely, the Soviets." After discussing strategic considerations, Mr. Lloyd George said that, if Poland got into trouble with Germany they would be unable to reach her, and must rely on the Russians.

Mr. Eden's Declaration

Mr. Anthony Eden, the former Foreign Secretary, joined issue on some of the strategical considerations raised by Mr. Lloyd George.

While half of Germany's forces, he said, might be on Poland's frontier, at least half would have to be on the western front, and an offensive on both fronts would be extremely difficult, if not impossible. Another important difference compared with the situation in 1914, he declared, was a friendly Turkey and a friendly Egypt.

"Mr. Chamberlain," declared Mr. Eden, "has united the nation in support of the Government in foreign affairs." That, he emphasized, was of immense value in negotiating with foreign powers.

Cheers from all over the House greeted Mr. Eden when he stated that the "Government can rest assured that Mr. Chamberlain's speech will be interpreted as exactly the feelings of the nation."

Every Effort to Be Made

"Everything that will make Great Britain stronger and more united must be pushed forward," declared Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in winding up the debate on behalf of the Government.

Neither convenience nor comfort, nor wealth, insular tradition nor practice, he continued, could put the scales against what was necessary now that Great Britain had to throw its whole potential strength into this essential work.

"That strength," he concluded, "must be used, if the necessary occasion arose, to resist aggression, to fight; but I conceived the effort as an organization to make a broader, surer basis for pecae, and if peace is secured, it will be an united House of Commons that has helped to secure it."—Reuter.

Tokyo Announces Fisheries Pact

Tokyo, Apr. 4.

A Provisional Fishery Agreement concluded by Japan and the Soviet Union on Sunday night secured for Japan the operation of 360 fishery lots, 264 of which are fixed for a period of five years, the Foreign Office announced this afternoon.

The agreement provides that the Fishery Treaty of 1928 shall remain valid until the end of 1939. It was agreed also that various fixed lots shall be auctioned provided that they are certain to be obtained by Japanese fishing industrialists. Japanese operators are to participate in a second auction to be held in Vladivostok today, the statement disclosed.

Diplomatic negotiations leading to the agreement were reviewed by the statement. The agreement was signed by Mr. Shigenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, and M. Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Foreign Affairs Commissar, at midnight on April 2, the statement said.—Domei.

Peking Road Under Repairs for 7 Weeks

Major road repairs will be commenced as from Friday, April 7, on two sections of Peking Road between Chekiang and Shanse Roads. Motorists are requested to avoid the use of these sections of Peking Road until the repairs, which are expected to take about seven weeks, are completed.

Manchoukuo Will Build Navy

Incidents on Soviet Border Not Critical, Says General Chang

Changchun, Apr. 4.

Manchoukuo had definitely decided to build her own Navy and the question of tonnage and numbers was now under consideration, declared General Chang Ching-hui, the Premier, when interviewed by a foreign correspondent. "We intend," he said, "to build even battleships and cruisers in addition to smaller types of warships."

Referring to the Soviet border situation, the Premier declared that although border incidents were numerous, he was of the opinion that Moscow did not contemplate a trial of strength.

"The position," he stated, "has altered for the better since the battle of Changkufeng last August as far as we are concerned. That battle was a decisive defeat for the Soviet forces and the result has been that the situation is now far less critical than we believe the Soviet Government has discovered. It will not pay the Soviet to adopt a policy of aggression across the Manchoukuoan border.

"The series of incidents which has taken place since the battle of Changkufeng is designed to irritate and annoy both Manchoukuo and Japan and to cause us trouble. The situation, however, is not critical."

Border Delimitation

The Manchoukuo Government, he added, did not propose to make any further suggestions to the Soviet Government regarding a more exact delimitation of the 3,700 kilometre border, where the "ravages of time have removed the many of the border marks fixed 70 years ago, while the changes which occurred in border rivers, particularly the appearance of new islands in the Amur River, have provided cause for other disputes.

The Premier recalled that the Manchoukuo Government on two occasions had proposed the formation of a commission to examine the entire boundary question, but the Soviet had refused the offer. Since the battle of Changkufeng, he continued, the Manchoukuo Government had not considered it necessary to renew the proposal.

Manchoukuo, stated General Chang Ching-hui, welcomed the Japanese colonization schemes in Manchoukuo which were opening up new and hitherto uncultivated areas.

The Government, he added, also welcomed agricultural labour from China.—Reuter.

Armed Robbers Visit Lottery Ticket Shop

Get Away With Big Loot After Holding Up Buyers

Knowing that a considerable amount of money would change hands in a lottery ticket shop on Nanking Road last night, in view of the fact that the drawing of the Refugee Relief Lottery is taking place today, and that consequently a large number of tickets were sold yesterday, three daring robbers, two of them armed with pistols, entered such an establishment at 622 Nanking Road near Chekiang Road, shortly after 7.20 p.m. and held up the manager of the shop, his six assistants and about twenty customers. Meanwhile, the unarmed member of the trio searched the various counter-drawers and asked those in the shop to hand over all the money they had.

Late last night, the total amount of the loot could not as yet be learned, as the assistants in the shop were still counting the number of unsold lottery tickets in order to ascertain the total loss. In any case, it was certain that more than $1,000 were taken by the thugs, who managed to escape. The robbery was carried out with such care that the policemen at the corner of Nanking and Chekiang Roads, were not aware of what had happened until the desperadoes had departed and the assistants raised the alarm.

Detectives from Louza police station are investigating the case and no arrests had been made at the time of going to press.

U.S. Army Air Bill Signed

Warm Springs, Ga., Apr. 3.

President Roosevelt today signed the Government Reorganization and National Defence Bills.

The National Defence Bill calls for expansion of the army air corps to 6,000 warplanes, strengthening of the Panama Canal fortifications, addition of personnel to man the expanded fleet and increases in enlisted men in the air corps from 21,500 to 45,000 and among the army officers from 14,659 to 16,519.—United Press.

China's Budget for Current Year

Chungking, Apr. 4.

It is learnt that the general budget of the National Government for the present fiscal year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1939) totals $2,850 millions, as compared with $1,200 millions for the 1936 (pre-war) budget. The budget figures for the last two years were:—

1937.....$2,100 millions.
1938.....$2,400 millions.
—Kuo Min.

Washington Believes British Lead Averts European War

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Signor Gayda warns Poland that if she enters into an understanding with Britain and France, it will amount to an "offensive encirclement of Germany." He reminds Poland of "what happened to others who were under the wing of Britain and France—Ethiopia, China, Spain and Czechoslovakia."

The "Critica Fascista," in an article entitled "The necessity of the Axis," declares that a democratic alliance against the Germany of Herr Hitler would be "implicitly and fatally directed against the Italy of Signor Mussolini."—Reuter.

French Press Gratified

Paris, Apr. 4.

The entire press expressed complete satisfaction this morning at the declaration made in the House of Commons yesterday by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

"Mr. Chamberlain's masterly address will go down in the annals of British politics," said "Le Petit Parisien." "The Reich has now been warned that it will come face to face with England on every path along which it may be led by its exaggerated ambition."

"L'Oeuvre" says "Mr. Chamberlain's latest speech is perhaps the most important ever pronounced by him. When we compare this address with those he delivered only a few weeks ago, one cannot but be full of admiration for this elderly statesman, who did not hesitate to change his stand so drastically."—Havas.

Increase in "Terrier" Army Significant

Britain Determined to Play Active Part in Emergency

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

The decision to increase the Territorial Army to provide scope for the practical expression of the spirit of voluntary service now manifest should be sufficient evidence of the determination of Britain to play an active party in the event of emergency.

This statement was made by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in answer to several questions in the course of the foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons debate today.—Reuter.

Shanghai Jewry Observes Passover Festivities

Passover, one of the most important festivals on the Jewish calendar, which started on Monday evening, is being observed by well over 10,000 Jewish residents of this city, and has its origin from biblical times, when Moses led the Jews away from Egypt and the persecutions of Pharaoh. The festival ends on April 11, which, according to the Jewish calendar, is the twenty-second day of the month of Nisan, whilst throughout the festive week, local synagogues will be packed to capacity as they were yesterday, not only with Jews who have been living here for many years, but also with some 7,000 refugees who have arrived from Austria and Germany in the past few months.

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Japanese-Chinese at Grips Near Kaoan

Many Air Raids Carried Out in Hunan

Chungking, Apr. 4.

Fighting between Chinese and Japanese forces in north-west Kiangsi is at present taking place west of Kacan on the north bank of the Chin River, which flows eastward into the Kan River, according to Chinese dispatches.

The Japanese forces are reported to be occupying positions around Chingan, Fengsin and Anyi, while Chinese troops are said to be entrenched in the hills west of these cities.

In central Hupeh province, Chinese troops on the west bank of the Han River opposite Chungtsiang are said to have crossed the river on April 2. Chinese vanguards reached the west wharf outside Chungtsiang on the same night, according to Chinese reports. The Chinese forces, they add, are at present surrounding Chungtsiang.—Reuter.

Raids in Hunan

Units of the Japanese Naval Air Force were active in northern Hunan on Monday in co-operation with army detachments, the headquarters of the China Sea Fleet announced in an official communiqué yesterday afternoon.

Making surprise raids on Wangshakai, 95 kilometres north of Changsha on the Canton-Hankow Railway; Sintsiang, north-east of Wangshakai on the Yochow-Changsha Highway; and on Tangkiapai, the naval planes bombed military establishments and caused heavy damage, the statement said.

The commander of the air units noticed a large fire at a munitions dump in the southern suburbs of Wangshakai.

Kongmoon Recaptured

Macao, Apr. 4.

After retreating on Sunday, the Japanese returned with a greater force yesterday, and, employing 'planes and artillery, succeeded in expelling the Chinese from Kongmoon. The Chinese retreated in the direction of Sunwui, a few miles south of Kongmoon, and severe fighting is in progress.—Reuter.

Sian Bombed Again

A Japanese Army Air Base, Apr. 4.

Japanese army planes raided Sian, focal point of Chinese military activities in Shensi, yesterday morning and dropped heavy bombs on important military establishments, causing severe damage, a spokesman at an army air base said today.

Another army air unit bombed Chinese army positions at Wuhsiang and Tsinhsien in central Shansi and inflicted heavy damage on them, the officer stated.—Domei.

Big Military Parade on Hitler's Birthday

Berlin, Apr. 4.

Herr Adolf Hitler's fiftieth birthday, April 20, will be celebrated with great national festivities, the central feature of which will be a military parade, on a scale far greater than ever witnessed in Berlin, passing along the new east-west axis of the capital designated "Via Triumphalis."—Trans-Ocean.

Tax Collector Steps Into Armed Robbery

Thus Ransack House, Take Considerable Loot

Although tax-collectors are an unpopular lot all over the world, the residents of House 132, Lane 214, Yates Road, were agreeably surprised when a Chinese employee of the Shanghai Municipal Council's Revenue Department, entered the house at 8 a.m. yesterday, presumably with the intention of collecting taxes. The inmates were pleased, because they had hoped that possibly this man would be able to help them rid themselves of some unpleasant company, namely three armed robbers, who had lined them up at pistol point, to ransack the place. Their hopes were soon shattered, however, when the thugs busied themselves with the revenue collector's receipt books.

Considerably disinterested in the amount of taxes which the S.M.C. collected each quarter, the robbers flung the official books back to the collector, without having fortunately noticed the $85, which were neatly folded up in the back of one of the note-books. Disappointed with the result of their too casual inspection of the collector's books and pockets, the thugs proceeded to search each room of the house and finally departed with a loot consisting of money, jewellery and clothing, valued at $346. Meanwhile, the tax-collector dashed to an adjoining house, where his foreign superior was collecting taxes, and informed him of his ordeal. Chengtu Road police station was informed and investigations are still proceeding, no arrests having been reported to a late hour last night.

British, French Envoys May Return to Berlin

Paris, Apr. 4.

France and Britain are considering the advisability of ordering their Ambassadors to return to Berlin for the purpose of co-operating and amplifying routine reports regarding the current European crisis, it was understood here last night.

The British and French Ambassadors were recalled from Germany immediately following the Nazi military invasion and dismemberment of Czecho-Slovakia.—United Press.

OBITUARY

Mr. Llewelyn Roberts

Edinburgh, Apr. 3.

Mr. Llewelyn Roberts chief engineer of the Cunard-White Star Line, died here today at the age of 58. He was chief engineer of the Queen Mary at the time of her first sailing to the United States. Joining the Cunard Steamship Company in 1904, he gradually worked his way to the highest rank open to an engineer in the company. He was chief engineer aboard all the big Cunard liners.—United Press.

German-American Bund Declared Harmless

Department of Justice Publishes Report

Washington, Apr. 4.

The German-American Bund cannot be regarded as a serious threat against Americanism and its main aims apparently are to spread German propaganda outside Germany and also to perpetuate the Nazi movement abroad and aid the German anti-Jewish campaign in the United States, a special report issued by the Department of Justice revealed today.

The report was prepared by special agents of the Department of Justice because of growing public demand that activities of the pro-German group be investigated and made public. The report was issued under the name of Mr. Frank Murphy, the Attorney-General.

Members of the German-American Bund, which recently held its biggest rally in its short history at New York and which led to fist fights, were estimated to number between 6,000 and 8,000 in the report. No specific comment was made on the activities of the Bund, but since it was not regarded as a threat the report recommended that no criminal action be taken against the group.—United Press.

Canada Advised to Seek Alliances

Military Defence Pacts With U.S., Britain Urged

Ottawa, Apr. 4.

Mr. Howard Green, Conservative M.P., today advised the Canadian Government immediately to seek defence alliances with the United States and Britain and British possessions in the Pacific.

He described the present policy of making no military commitments as a "delusion and a snare." He said Canada should have participated in the recent Pacific defence conference in New Zealand because she is partly dependent on the Singapore naval base and the fleet of sister Dominions in the Pacific for protection.—United Press.

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6 months' sight credits 8⅜
6 months' sight docts 8 7/16
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4 months' sight credits 16 7/16
4 months' sight docts 16 7/16
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£	Highest	8¼	Lowest	8¼
U.S. G.$		16 3/32		16 3/32
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MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING Cash		BUYING Apr./May	
£ T.T.	8 7/32	4 m/s. l.c.	8 5/16
G.$ T.T.	16 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16¼
Fcs. T.T.	605	4 m/s.	616
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It was reported trading was very small. Speculators occasionally sold. Market quietly steady. After the official fixing the market remained quietly steady, with the American trade small buyers at the fixed rate, sellers were reserved.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 7/32 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was quiet and rather inclined to be easier. At the opening there were sellers for cash and April at 8¼ sterling, but after some demand there was no more April and even for cash there were inclined to be buyers from time to time though all the demand was met.

At the close there were sellers at:

8¼	sterling	16 3/32	U.S.$	Cash
8 9/32	"	16 1/16	"	Apr.
8 9/32	"	16 1/32	"	May
8 9/32	"	15 31/32	"	June

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Apr. 3.

Japan	78½	London	1/5 31/32
New York	286⅜	2 mths	
Shanghai	48¼	" (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	84¾	" (buyers)	1/5 31/32

London £ T. T. on:

New York	468.31	Berne	20.85½
Paris	176.75	Shanghai	8⅜d N
Berlin	11.67½	Bombay	1/5 15/16
Amsterdam	8.81½	Hongkong	1/2⅞
Brussels	27.79	Singapore	2/3 31/32
Madrid	42.25	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	89.00	" (Buying)	Unq

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.12	Brazil	5.90
Spain	Unq.	Japan	27.33
Holland	53.14	Shanghai	16.15
Paris	2.65	C'slovakia	Unq.
Brussels	16.85½	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.72½
S'zerland	22.46½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.14	Greece	0.86
Norway	23.53	Bulgaria	1.20
Denmark	20.91	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.650	Poland	18.87½

London	4.68⅜
" Demand	4.68 7/16
" Bankers' 60 Days Bills	4.67 11/16
" Commercial 60 Days Bills	4.67 11/16
Buenos Aires, Paper	29.05
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate	23.10
Montreal on London	4.68 13/16

—Reuter

Foreign Money Rates

London: Apr. 3.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1¼%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1⅝%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	3%
" " "	6 months	3¾%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B
	0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B
	0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 3.

Among the commodities, wheat eased owing to speculative unloading following the easier political situation.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 8 1/16 +⅛; sellers 8⅛ +⅛. May del. buyers 8 1/16 +1/16; sellers 8⅛ +1/16.

London Sugar (Buyers): May 6/6 unc; Aug. 6/5 —½; Dec. 6/2 —¼.

Liverpool Wheat: May 4/3¾ —1½; July (N.C.) 4/3⅜ —1¾. Oct. (N.C.) 4/5⅛.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: May 4.54 —1; July 4.38 —2; Oct. 4.32 —3; Jan. 4.34 —2. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract. May 6.56 +1; July 6.63 +1; Sept. 6.63 +1; Oct. 6.70 +3.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £43⅝ +⅛; sellers £43⅝ +⅛. Copper, electrolytic, buyers £43½ unc; sellers £49½ unc. Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £216½ +1¼; 3 mths del. sellers £215¼ +1¾. Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £14⅝ unc; 3 mths. del. selleras £14⅝ +⅛. Spelter, Ord., official price, sellers £13⅜ —⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £13⅝ unc. —Reuter.

Estimated Rubber Output For March

	lb.
Langkat	23,000
Shanghai-Sumatra	Nil

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Quiet and steady conditions prevailed on the Exchange, the Jewish holiday contributing towards a smaller attendance and a lack of activity.

Ewos, despite a further rise in Yarn, were practically unchanged throughout the day at $20.20. Both Trams and Loans were, however, in good demand, the former changing hands at $40.25 and the latter at $6.15.

Raw rubber was higher in both London and New York and stocks in London shewed the sharp decline of 1130 tons. The statistical position of the commodity appears very strong, and though most of the local companies should earn very fair returns at prevailing levels public interest remains at a low ebb.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Changes
154.51	[illegible]	General	141.45	+0.36
152.40	95.55	Rubbers	143.25	+0.90

Total 26,885 shares, 1,066 bonds.

Morning Session

Y3,000 S.W.W. 6% Debs. 1932	Y 90.50
$3,500 S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 91.25
1,000 Kelantan	0.38
500 Exploration	8.10
100 Tram (Bearer) £1	40.00
500 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
500 New Eng. (Ord)	7.00
23 S'hai Power (Pref)	127.75
500 New Eng. (Ord)	6.95
200 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
1,[illegible] Exploration	8.15
500 Tram (Bearer) £1	40.25
500 S'hai Loan	6.15
400 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00
10 S'hai Power (Pref)	128.50
900 Wheelock	35.50
150 S. W. W. 6½% (Pref)	14.00
47 S. W. W. "A" £20	635.[illegible]
2,100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
500 New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
1,000 S'hai Loan	6.15
2,000 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
100 Bakerite "B"	12.25
50 S'hai Cotton	105.00

ODD LOTS

$100 S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 91.50
5 S'hai Power (Pref)	127.75
100 S'hai Loan	6.15
24 S'hai Cotton	105.50

*—Outport Business.

Afternoon Session

$100,000 S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 91.50
4,000 Cheng	0.46
5,000 S'hai Loan	6.15
100 Wheelock	35.50
300 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
500 Metal Ind. of China	5.95
500 Tram (Bearer) £1	40.25
500 New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
150 S'hai Cotton	106.00
500 S'hai Land	8.80
600 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
200 Kaiping	25.25
200 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
500 Exploration	8.15

ODD LOTS

500 I. I. Trust	$ 3.45
28 S'hai Cotton	106.00
100 S'hai Land	8.85
500 I. I. Trust	3.45

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 3.

Increased Continental buying, owing to more confidence in the political situation, was the most notable feature on the Stock Exchange today, and prices in all sections improved. Oils and Kaffirs were very prominent, closing around the day's best levels, while industrials and British gilt-edged securities advanced steadily and base metal issues were also well supported.—Reuter.

	Mar. 31	Apr. 3
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£95¼	95¾
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	38	38¼
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	43¾	44
	Osaka, Apr. 4.	
Kogo 5%		Y.103.83
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	18/6	18/6
Armstrong Stevens	7/6	7/6
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/1½	40/6
Austin Motors, ord.	30/10½	32/6
[illegible] Aeroplane, ord.	21/6	21/6
British American Tob.	96/3	97/6
Cable & W., new from	40	43¼
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/1½	8/6
Courtaulds	25/-	25/3
Distillers	90/-	91/-
Dunlop Rubber	26/-	26/9
General Elec. (Eng.)	76/7½	77/6
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	99/6	100/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	20/1½	20/4½
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/4½	30/-
Imp. Tobacco	131/3	132/6
Leyland Motors	86/10½	88/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	57/-	58/10½
Pressed Steel, com.	16/1½	16/10½
Rolls-Royce	106/3	107/6
[illegible] Drop Forgings	15/9	15/9
Tate & Lyle	59/6	60/-
Turner & Newall	76/-	77/6
United Steel	23/3	23/10½
Vickers, ord.	20/9	22/1½
Woolworths	59/6	60/7½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	24/3	24/3
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	27/-	27/6
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/3	8/3
Commonwealth Min.	1/1½	1/1½
Marsman Invest.	13/9	14/4½
Randfontein Ests.	35/-	35/7½
Sub-Nigel	220/-	220/-
[illegible]anami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	9/3	9/7½
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	83/9	85/-
Burmah	80/-	81/3
Mexican Eagle	6/9	7/1½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	28/6	84/4½

x—Corrected.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£73	70½
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	67	66
5% Anglo-French Loan	60	60
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37½	37½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	51½	51½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	16½	16½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	22	22
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	23	23
" " (Ger. Is.)	20½	20½
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	18	18
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	26	26
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	17	17½
G.	17	17½
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	17	17½
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	17	17½
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	19½	19½
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chard. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅜	8⅜
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	82½	84
" " (Col. Reg.)	84	85
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/6	17/9
Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	18/9	18/9

N—Nominal.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Apr. 4.	Closing a.m. Closing	Prices p.m. Closing
Antamok	.38	.38
Atok	.34	.33
Balatoc	8.50X	8.50
Batong Buhay	.018	.017
Benguet Consolidated	12.00X	12.00
Big Wedge	.305	.30
Coco Grove	.375	.375
Demonstration	.14	.14
I X L	.57	.56
Masbate	.14	.135
North Camarines	.57	.55
San Mauricio	1.90	1.90
Surigao Con., Com.	.22	.22
Surigao Con. Voting T.	.22X	—
Suyoc	.175	.175
United Paracale	.65	.66

Turnover: 1,145,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Closing prices) 105.85.
X—Possible mutilation.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 3.

The early strength of the stock market today due to the easing of the tense political situation in Europe was not maintained and the market in the late trading developed a sagging tendency which dragged prices back to the neighbourhood of Saturday's final levels. The market opened firm and, assisted by the improvement in London, moved substantially higher, but buyers withdrew and continued liquidation depressed all sections. The uncertain domestic business outlook contributed to the uneasiness and further irregularity was considered likely. The volume of turnover totalled 1,470,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indus.	135.57	130.49	132.[illegible]	—0.58
20 Rails	28.16	26.81	27.27	+0.03
[illegible] Utilities	23.35	22.43	22.70	+0.2[illegible]
40 Bonds	—	—	89.09	+0.04
11 Commod.	—	—	47.14	—0.22

	Apr. 1	3
Adams Express	7¼	7⅜
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	17⅛	17⅝
Allied Stores	7¾	8
Allis Chalmers	35½	35¼
Amerada Corp.	57½	57
Amer. Can	85½	87
Amer. & For. Power	2½	2½
" " $7 pfd.	14	15⅛
Amer. Gas & Elec.	33¾	34⅞
Amer. Locomotive	18¼	18⅝
Amer. Metal	30½	30¾
Amer. Radiator	13	12½
Amer. Rolling Mill	14¾	14¾
Amer. Smelting	37⅝	38½
Amer. Sugar Refining	17¼	17½
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	154¾	155½
Amer. Tobacco "B"	82½	83⅜
Amer. Waterworks	9⅞	9¾
Anaconda Copper	24⅝	25
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	28¼	29¼
Auburn	3	3
Baltimore & Ohio	5¼	5¾
Barber Asphalt Corp.	13⅜	13¾
Barnsdall Oil Co.	14¼	14¼
Bendix Aviation	20¾	20⅝
Bethlehem Steel	61¾	62½
Boeing Airplane Co.	22¼	22⅜
Borg Warner	23	23⅜
Briggs Mfg. Co.	20⅝	21⅝
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	8½	9
" $6 cum. pfd.	32	33
Can. Pacific Rly	4	4¼
Case, J.I.	74	74⅞
Celanese Corp.	16½	16⅞
Chase Nat. Bank	B 30	B 29¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	32½	33¼
Chrysler	69⅛	68½
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6½	6⅜
" 6% "A" pfd.	83⅛	84½
Coml. Credit	48⅛	48
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅜	1⅜
" $6 cum. pfd.	53⅜	53½
Consolid. Edison	30⅜	30¼
Consolid. Oil	8	8
Continental Can	36¾	37⅝
Continental Oil	23¾	24
Corn Products	62½	*62⅜
Curtiss Wright (com.)	5⅜	5¼
" " "A"	21¾	22¼
Deere & Co	19⅛	18½
Distillers Corp.	17	17½
Douglas Aircraft	60⅞	60¼
Du Pont de Nemours	142½	139
Eagle Picher Lead	9	9
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	20	20⅜
Elec. Auto Lite	29¾	29½
Elec. Bond & Share	8¾	8⅝
" $5 pfd.	57	56½
" $6 pfd.	66	67¾
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	28¾	28¼
Flintkote	21	20¾
Food Machinery Corp.	24½	23½
Gen. Amer. Trans.	48	46¼
Gen. Elec.	35½	35½
Gen. Motors	43⅛	42⅝
Gen. Rly. Signal	17	16½
Glidden Co.	17	17⅛
Goodrich	17⅜	17
" $5 pfd.	62	62½
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	27¾	26½
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	13⅞	13⅞
Great Nthrn. Rly.	21⅜	21½
Great Western Sugar	25¼	25⅜
Greyhound Corp	17¾	17¾
Hecker Products	10	10
Homestake Min	61¾	62¼
Indus. Rayon	20	20¼
Int. Harvester	54⅛	53
Int. Nickel	47¾	48
Int. Tel. & Tel	7½	7⅝
Johns Manville	72¾	73¾
Jones & Laughlin	B 39⅞	41½
Kennecott	32⅞	32¾
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	43⅛	44
Lockheed Aircraft	25¾	25¼
Loew's Inc.	41½	40
Manhattan Shirt Co.	—	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	33¾	33
McKesson & Rob.	11⅛	10¾
Monsanto Chemical	94	92
Montgomery Ward	46⅜	45⅞
Nat. City Bank	B 22½	B 22¾
Nat. Dairy Products	14	14½
Nat. Distillers	26⅝	25
Nat. Gypsum	12⅛	12¼
Nat. Lead	20¾	20⅝
Nat. Power & Lt.	7⅝	7⅞
Nat. Steel Corp.	64¾	64¾
Nat. Supply Co.	8¾	8¾
New York Central	15⅞	15⅝
Niagara Hudson Power	7	7
North Amer. Aviation	14⅞	15
North Amer. Co.	21	21¼
Northern Pacific	8⅞	9⅜
Pacific Gas & Elec.	30¼	30⅜
Pacific Lighting	44	45½
Packard Motors	3¼	3⅜
Paramount Pictures Inc.	8⅜	—
Pennsylvania R.R.	19	19
Phelps Dodge	33¼	33¼
Phillips Petroleum	34	34½
Public Serv. of N.J.	33	33½
Pullman, Inc.	27¼	27
Pure Oil	7¾	8⅛
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6¼	6¼
Republic Steel Co.	16⅜	16¾
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38	38
Richfield Oil Corp.	7½	7⅝
Safeway Stores	32	31¼
Schenley	13⅜	13⅞
" 5% pfd.	71	—
Sears Roebuck	69⅛	67½
Shell Union Oil	11¾	12¼
Socony-Vacuum	11⅝	11½
Sthrn. Pacific	13½	13⅝
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	22	—
Sperry Corp.	39½	39¼
Stand. Brands	6½	6¼
Stand. Gas & Elec.	2⅝	2⅞
Stand. Oil of Calif.	26¼	26½
Stand. Oil of N.J.	45½	46¼
Stone & Webster	10⅞	11⅛
Swift International	26⅛	27
Technicolor	15¼	15½
Texas Corp.	38¾	39⅛
Texas Gulf Sulphur	27½	28
Transamerica	6⅜	6⅜
Tw. Century Fox	20⅛	20
" " pfd.	29	—
Un. Carbide & Carbon	72¾	73½
Un. Pacific	94	93½
Un. Aircraft	35⅛	35
Un. Air Lines Trans.	9¾	10
Un. Corp.	2½	2¾
" $3 cum. pfd.	33⅛	33
Un. Gas Corp.	2⅛	2¼
Un. Gas Improvement	11¾	11⅞
U. S. Rubber	38⅞	37¾
" 8% pfd.	94¼	93
U. S. Steel	51⅞	51¾
Vanadium	20⅜	19¾
Warner Bros. Picts.	4⅞	5⅛
Westinghouse Elec.	93¼	92½
Woodward Iron	17	16½
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	54⅛	55
Brazil	17⅞	18
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	18½	18¾
Cities Serv. Pwr.	80½	80¼
Erie R.R.	10⅛	10
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	64½	65⅛
Minas Geraes	11	12
New England Gas & Elec.	66	65
Peru	10½	10½
Rio Grande do Sul	B 10½	B 10½
Sao Paulo	B 10½	B 11
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	47½	47¾
Stand. Gas & Elec.	59¼	61¼

B—Bid *—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Lack of a follow-through demand dissipated the opening strength in the stock market today, and averages dropped to the neighbourhood of the year's lows. A few issues recorded wide losses, with pivotal issues down to two points. Motors for a time were particularly weak due to rumours that General Motors and Ford were contemplating a two-day week: reports from Detroit indicating they were not true failed to affect the market. Steels moved lower due to a wider than anticipated decline in the operations rate. The early rise failed to attract new buyers, but provided an opportunity for short selling. Some sections firmed up just before the close, with steels and motors registering small recoveries.

Bond prices declined with the exception of United States Government securities, four of which made record highs. Foreign exchange ruled firm.

Anglo-French Land Company Report

Final Dividend for Year Declared; Funds Utilized Purchasing Properties

The 33rd annual general meeting of the Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at 20 Canton Road. Mr. W. Mellor, chairman, presided, supported by Messrs E. Sigaut, Liu Chang Ying K. G. Stephenson and H. Martin Little, directors. Shares present and represented totalled 9,871.

The chairman in his speech said:

The report of the directors gives a summary of the main items under each of the accounts now before you and you will note therefrom that mortgages and loans, amounting to approximately $450,000, have been repaid. After careful consideration your directors did not consider it advisable to invest further sums in loans and mortgages but preferred to utilize these funds by a policy of purchasing suitable properties within the area of the Settlement or Concession, South of the Soochow Creek, whenever such became available which showed a reasonable return on the capital sum invested after allowing for depreciation and other charges.

Property Increase

During the year the property account was increased to the extent of approximately $700,000 by the addition thereto, by purchase, of Estates "Z" on Sinza Road, "K" on Route Dupleix and "L" on Bubbling Well Road. The difference between the amount repaid on mortgages and the increase in the value of purchased properties stated in the report is accounted for by the company having taken over a property of which they were previously the mortgages. This is situated on Yulin/Chemulpo/Pingliang Roads and is now embodied in the listed properties under Estate "J." The policy now adopted will be continued as and when funds permit, and the rental income derived from these purchases will help to offset the loss of rental suffered on account of destroyed and inaccessible properties in the Northern and Eastern Districts.

To revert to last year's report of the "directors, Estate "S" (Seward-Kungping/Tongshan Roads) and Estate "W" (East Hanbury Road) were destroyed as a result of the hostilities and although there has been some influx of former tenants in this district and the number becomes larger on each tour of inspection carried out by your Agents, the numbers applying for accommodation are not sufficient in the opinion of the directors to warrant the re-building of these properties for the time being.

Unoccupied Property

Estate "X" on East Seward Road is still practically unoccupied, nor have we received many applications from previous tenants to occupy their former houses, and it is impossible to say when any general return is likely to commence. Estate "M" on North Chekiang Road abuts a municipal road but, with the exception of the shops on this road, the rest of the houses are in Chapei and the whole is still wired off and access, therefore, impossible. Both these properties were damaged to a certain extent during 1937 and neither of them have had such houses put into habitable condition, the former on account of the few applications and apparent unpopularity for the time being of the area in the immediate vicinity of the property, the latter because of the impossibility of free access. The other slightly damaged properties on Yuhang Road (Estate "T"), Baikal Road (Estate "N") and Studley Avenue (Estate "O"), have all been repaired and completely reoccupied.

Accounts

From the accounts now presented you will note rental income has increased by $5,810.96 over last year but charges on properties show the following increases: Taxation $5,252.75 and Repairs $14,332.39. The latter this year has been very much heavier owing to the increased cost of labour and building materials, and although everything possible has been done to reduce expenditure under this heading, tenants, both Chinese and foreign, must have their properties kept in a good state of repair if their goodwill is to be retained.

The balance of $183,926.33 transferred from rental working account to profit and loss account is $14,570.18 less than last year which, in view of the increased charges mentioned above, I hope you will consider as satisfactory. The balance of $159,780.46 transferred to profit and loss appropriation account shows an increase of $97,119.22 as only $7,761.14 must be transferred from profit and loss account to make up the special repairs and renewals reserve to the figure of $52,500 which was specially reserved last year to cover the estimated cost of repairs to properties damaged during the hostilities but not totally destroyed and which must be retained in the balance sheet until the repairs are carried out.

Final Dividend

It is proposed to pay a final dividend of $5.00 per share, making approximately 5 per cent. for the year on the par value of the shares to bring the special repairs reserve account to $57,500, the bad debts reserve up to $100,000 and the general reserve to $250,000. The latter was depleted last year to the extent of approximately $66,000 and it is the opinion of your directors that this reserve must be gradually built up at least to the figure of $300,000 at which it stood prior to the commencement of hostilities. It is also proposed to donate to the British Forces Recreation Centres Fund $500, and if you approve of these suggestions there will be a balance of $8,050.69 to carry forward to next year.

There being no questions the following resolutions were passed:—

Proposed by W. Mellor and seconded by H. Martin Little.

That the Report and Accounts for the year ended February 28, 1939 as presented be accepted.

Proposed by W. Mellor and seconded by E. Sigaut.

That the following recommendation as to the appropriation of the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account as presented be accepted:—

To pay a final dividend of $5 local currency per share (making a total of $7 local currency per share for the year	$ 96,675.01
Place to General Reserve ..	10,664.09
Place to Special Repairs Reserve	5,000.00
Place to Bad Debts Reserve	3,762.75
Donate to British Forces Recreation Centres Fund..	500.00
Carry forward	8,050.69
	$124,652.53

Proposed by Liu Chang Yin and seconded by K. G. Stephenson.

That Mr. H. Martin Little be re-elected a director of the company.

RESOLUTION No. 4

Proposed by Chin Yin Yee Tong and seconded by A. R. Madar.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company at an annual remuneration of $1,500.

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 3.

After early easiness on lower Liverpool advices and foreign selling, the cotton market rallied on the passage by the Senate of the Bankhead Cotton Bill and late buying by "spot" houses, prices closing 6 to 7 points above Saturday's final levels.

The market for raw rubber opened firm in response to the improvement in London and the early strength of Wall Street, but subsequently partially reacted in sympathy with the action of securities, finishing the session with net gains for the day of 9 to 12 points.

Wheat futures in Chicago eased on the weakness of the foreign markets due to the lessening of the international tension coupled with favourable weather reports, closing ½ cent per bushel off in all active positions.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
May	8.12-12	+06	May	16.00-04	+10
				B/A	
July	7.90-90	+06	July	16.00-01	+12
Oct.	7.62-62	+07	Sept	15.99-6.00	+09
Dec.	7.57-57	+07	Dec.	16.00-00	+12
Jan	7.58 N	+07			
Mar.	7.64 N	+07			

New York Sugar No. 4			New York Silk		
May	1.19-20 B/A	—½	May (No. 1 Con.)	2.15B-16A	+06
July	1.19-19½ B/A	+½			

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	67¼-67⅜	—½	May	47-47⅛	—½
July	67⅛-67¼	—½	July	48½-48⅝	—⅝
Sept.	68-68	—½	Sept.	49½-49⅝	—⅝

Winnipeg Wheat

May	59⅝-59¾	—1¼
July	60⅜-60⅜	—1⅛
Oct.	61¼-61¼	—1¼

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Apr. 3.

The favourable tendency which marked the conclusion of last week continued at the opening of this week's stock exchange although quotations were at first not quite uniform. Rheinstahl lost 1 to 135. Elektrizitaetswerke Schlesien lost 2 to 109, Bayrische Motoren lost 1½ to 146½.

Reichsbank on the other hand gained 2 at 180, Akkumulatoren improved by 3½ to 227 and Berliner Maschinen gained 1½ to 124. Later in the day, the favourable tendency increased in strength. Bremer Wolle gained 3 to 178½. Dierig improved by 2¾ to 191¾ and Reichsbank gained another 4 to 184. Bayrische Motoren regained 1 to 147½ and Rheinstahl more than regained the earlier losses by rising to 136½. The bondmarket showed likewise a firm tendency.

Call money rates dropped by about ¼ per cent. to 2¾—3 per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

NEDERLANDSCH INDISCHE HANDELSBANK, N.V.

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BRITISH INDIA: Bombay and Calcutta.
CHINA: Shanghai, Hongkong and Amoy.
THE PHILIPPINES: Manila.
STRAITS SETTLEMENT: Singapore.
JAPAN: Kobe and Tokyo.

All Banking Transactions.

C. G. RIEM, Manager
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Rubber Outputs for March

	lb.
Padang Rubber Co., Ltd.	17,700
Consolidated Rub. Est. (1914) Ltd.	48,308
S'hai Kedah Plantations, Ltd. ..	32,692
Bute Plantations (1913) Ltd. ..	27,291
Tanah Merah Estates (1916) Ltd.	48,000
Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd.	30,271
S'hai Pahang Rubber Estate Ltd.	24,640
Sungei Duri Rubber Estate Ltd.	Nil
(Wintering tapping suspended)	
Kota Bahroe Rub. Est. (1921) Ltd.	36,088

Reichsbank Return

Berlin, Apr. 3.

The Reichsbank return issued here today shows the gold holdings unchanged at 70,800,000 Reichsmarks but foreign exchange holdings decreased by 200,000 to 5,800,000 Reichsmarks, making a total decline of the note cover by 200,000 to 76,600,000 Reichsmarks. The note circulation increased from 830,900,000 to 847,200,000 Reichsmarks, this sudden increase being necessitated by the demands for accommodation to meet the monthly settlement and half-yearly interest payments on bond issues.

The amount of credit issued as measured by bills, cheques, advances and investments rose by 1,209,000,000 to 9,207,000,000 Reichsmarks. The total amount of legal tender in circulation on March 31, 1939, was returned at 10,482,000,000 as against 7,571,000,000 Reichsmarks on the same date of last year.—Trans-Ocean.

Senate Passes Cotton Bill

Washington, Apr. 3.

The Senate today passed a bill permitting farmers to repossess a maximum of 2,000,000 bales of the nation's 12,000,000 bale cotton surplus at five cents per pound in lieu of planting cotton.—United Press.

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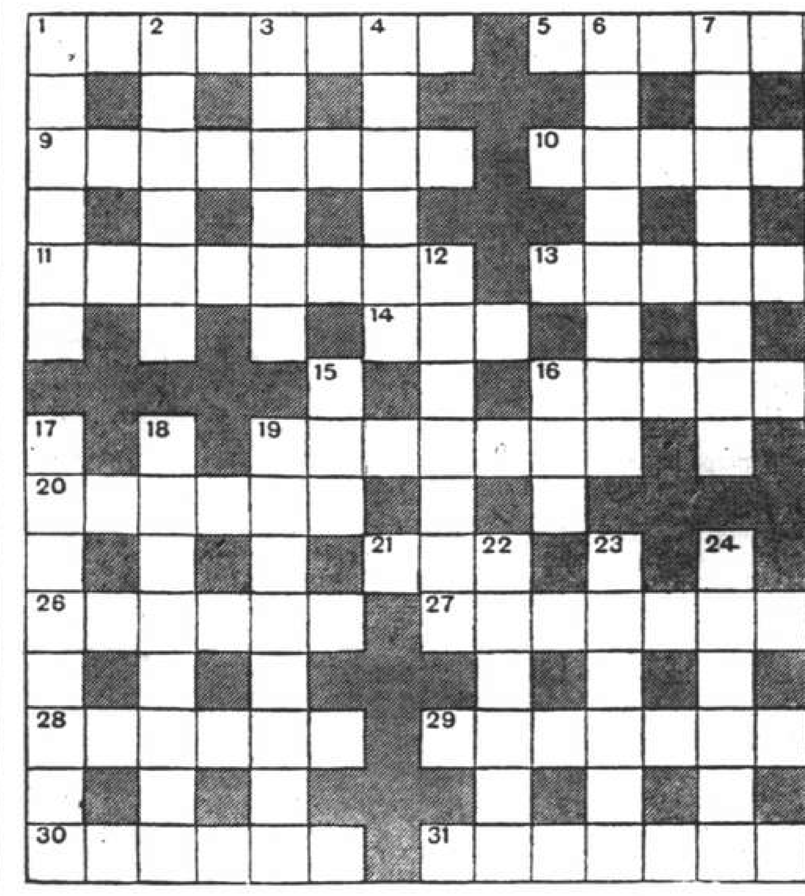

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1 Here the loss in fuel is very great
5 Only a bit but it has to be shared
9 What well-known title sounds like a hip?
10 Classical ill-feeling
11 Only divided is this national emblem concrete
13 Without concealment
14 A common youngster
16 French town or English word
19 What part of a book is obligatory?
20 A sweet
21 Woven fabric
26 A sheltered place to sit in the sun perhaps
27 This makes many diet
28 Mother of a famous lawgiver
29 Either midsummer or midwinter
30 Of Troy, Paris, or Ladysmith perhaps
31 A tie (for the ashes?) (two words)

DOWN

1 A touch of affection caused mainly by anxiety
2 A reformed rascal
3 Hire for an illegal purpose
4 Eastern spirit
6 Game with an onomatopoeic name
7 Cambridge College
8 He seems to have made an attempt at writing
12 A mild colour for relatives
15 Suitable sort of attack
16 Some part of Germany
17 Sets ablaze what is apparently burning already
18 A sort of canvas
19 The sort of lack of seriousness that is not good in the old
22 Past
23 Produced a useful bounder
24 Was this old inhabitant of Canaan a bee keeper?
25 This is found useful in gun emplacements

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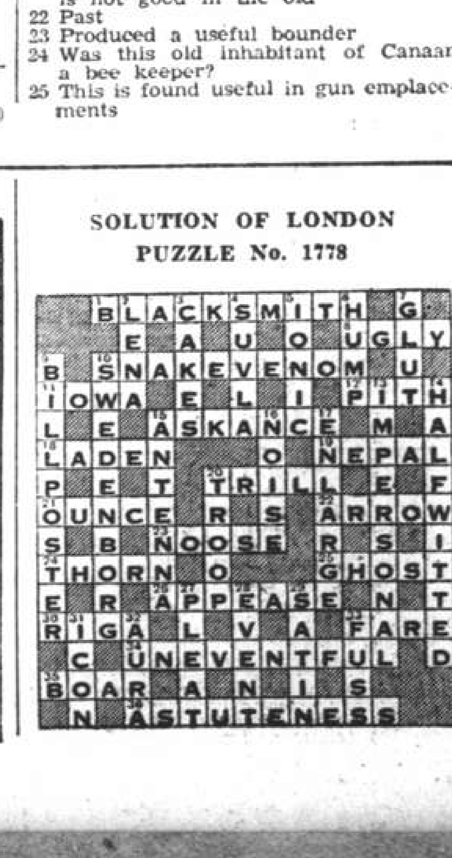

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE Laiterie Delicate, also the Hong Kyi Dairy, were on March 31 fined $40 each for obtaining milk from unlicensed premises.

THE P. & O. ss. Canton will sail from Shanghai on April 25 homewards in place of the ss. Chitral. All passengers already booked in the Chitral have been transferred to the Canton.

COMMENCING from April 3, local Chinese schools and universities were closed for the Spring Holiday for a week. Classes will be resumed on April 9, says the "Wen Wei Pao."

MEMBERS of the British Women's Association and others intending to book for the Children's Party on Saturday are advised that there will be definitely no bookings accepted after noon today.

THE annual inspection parade of the S.V.C. will take place on Sunday, April 16, at 3 p.m. when the Salute will be taken by Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Municipal Council and Civil Commandant of the Corps.

THE results of the eighth drawing of the Refugee Lottery held at Canidrome at 2.00 p.m. today will be broadcast, free of charge, by the Station XHHK, Kilocycle 1340, in English and Chinese.

THE Polish President, Dr. Ignace Moscicki, left Warsaw on Monday to spend Easter at his country seat in the neighbourhood of Petrowkow. He is accompanied by a few of his intimate friends and collaborators.

LIEUT.-Commander Prince Nobuhito Takamatsu, younger brother of the Emperor, returned to Tokyo on Monday afternoon from an inspection trip to former battlefields in northern, central, and southern China.

THE speaker at the coming meeting of the Rotary Club, Dr. K. C. Wang, has chosen for his subject; "The Pulse Lore of China." The meeting will be held as usual, Thursday April 6, 12.15 p.m. at the Metrople Hotel, 1st Floor.

CHEN Shih-yuen, a pro-Japanese Chinese detective attached to the Public Safety Bureau in Wusih, was shot and wounded in the head by an unidentified Chinese, while he was returning to his home on March 31, says a belated Chinese message to the "Shun Pao."

INAUGURATING a service to the Japanese Mandated South Seas territories, a Japan Airways Company airliner left Yokohama for Sappan yesterday morning with five passengers on board. The machine was expected to arrive yesterday afternoon at Sappan, 1,350 nautical miles away.

IN inviting Dr. W. E. O'Hara to accept renomination as a member of the Shanghai Medical Board for a further period of two years, the Municipal Council has expressed to Dr. O'Hara its appreciative thanks for the valuable services which he has rendered on behalf of the community as a member of the Board.

THERE will be celebrations of the Holy Communion this morning in the Cathedral at 7.30 o'clock and in the Bubbling Well Chapel at 10.30 o'clock. Mattins will be said in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., and at 5.30 p.m. the Bishop will conduct the third in his series of Meditations for Holy Week.

LIEUT.-Gen. Gunzaburo Kawagishi, commander of the Eastern Japan Defense Headquarters, two other officers commanding the Central and Western Defence Headquarters, and all divisional commanders of the Japanese Army in Japan, were received in audience by the Emperor at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning to report on military affairs under their jurisdiction.

MAYORS of seven leading cities in Manchoukuo, Mongolia, and China, now here attending a conference, spent a busy day in Tokyo on Monday visiting various points of interest. Beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning, the officials visited the Central Wholesale Market, then proceeded to Broadcasting Hall, where they studied exhibits showing the outstanding features of "radio civilization."

A LECTURE will be given before the Royal Asiatic Society (North China Branch) at Wu-Lien-Teh Hall, 20 Museum Road, tomorrow at 5.30 p.m., entitled "Through Northland to the Arctic" by Dr. A. von Miorini, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. Arthur de C. Sowerby. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides and coloured motion pictures, and is open to the public.

A MAUNDY Thursday Communion Service will be held at the Community Church tomorrow at 6 p.m., to which all members of the congregation and all other interested persons are cordially invited. The choir of the church under direction of Mr. R. V. Dent will render the following selections, "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate," by Gounod, and "Jesus Said unto the People" by Stainer. The Rev. Dr. John Lyon Caughey, acting Pastor, will present the Communion Meditation upon the subject, "Christ's Desire for Human Fellowship," suggested by the words of Jesus, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer," the Gospel of St. Luke, 22,15.

A FORMIDABLE new army, comprising 200,000 men, recruited from the Miao and Yao tribesmen in Kweichow, Yunnan and Kwangsi provinces has now been organized following a period of military training, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." Meanwhile, Tibetan and Sinkiang representatives are negotiating with the Chinese Government authorities with a view to sending several thousands of Tibetan and Sinkiang provincial troops to China proper to undertake military services, the report adds.

THE usual Service of Passion Music will be rendered by an augmented Cathedral Choir on Good Friday at 6 p.m. A feature of this service will be that most of the singing of the choir will be unaccompanied. The following is the full programme:—

Hymn 332 (choir and congregation)
Prayers
Psalm 86 (Gustav Holst)
Motet 'The Surrender of the Soul to the everlasting love.' Peter Cornelius.
Hymn 111. (Choir and Congregation)
Organ Psalm Prelude No. 1, Howells.
Hymn 108 E. H. (choir and congregation).
Anthem 'Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus.' Schutz (1585-1672).
Motet 'He was crucified.' Lotti (1667-1740).
Psalm 25 VI., 2. Rachmaninoff.
Psalm 23 (choir and congregation)
Hymn 109 (choir and congregation)
Blessing

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Chinese Children Crowd Parks on Children's Day

Thousands of Chinese children flocked to the parks yesterday on the occasion of Children's Day, admission being free. Here are two scenes at Jessfield Park.

Children Celebrate Own Day

Thousands Fill Theatres, Parks and Shops; Special Effort for Refugees

Led by their parents, thousands of Shanghai children thronged streets, department stores, parks, theatres and many other public places yesterday as it was the Children's Day when relief bodies and Chinese shops did their best to please them without obligation in almost all cases. Numerous celebration meetings were held and special consideration was given to refugee children for whom a cash contribution campaign was started.

Faithfully carrying out the order issued by the Chinese National Government eight years ago, local Chinese celebrated the day with more enthusiasm than before and the presence of more children brought here by refugee parents kept the public bodies, such as the National Child Welfare Association, busy all day long.

Despite the fact that most of the city's school children are enjoying their one-week spring holiday, most schools held celebration meetings and cooperating with parents of children, teachers took their pupils to parks and theatres where no charge was made. Free physical examination for children by well known doctors was arranged and parents found the procedure very useful.

It was also a "cheap sale" day at numerous shops selling children's articles, reading materials and medicines and one enterprising Chinese shop in Nanking Road selling children's medicine published supplements in Chinese newspapers to celebrate the occasion.

The Children's Day Preparatory Committee helped children in developing the mutual aid idea by selling refugee children relief tags each priced at only two cents. Another kind of tags sold at 20 cents each by a Chinese newspaper also for the purpose of raising money for refugee children was one of the most attractive things that caught the fancy of numerous children in department stores.

The Sun Sun Broadcasting Station devoted the whole day raising funds for refugee children and after listening to the splendid musical programme prepared mostly by children, numerous rich Chinese sent cash contributions to the station. Mr. H. C. Chen, head of the Chinese Education Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and other noted educators spoke over the station last night appealing to the public for help for refugee children.

It was learnt that 18,000 free park tickets were distributed to children yesterday, but many of the children also went to the parks without possessing the free tickets. Chinese sources stated that more than 8,000 free theatre tickets were distributed.

Show Loyalty

Kwangsi Army Following Chungking's Orders

Chungking, Apr. 4.

Two very important announcements were made here today by the Kwangsi and Yunnan Provincial Governments. Chinese circles regard them as "further evidences of solidarity of the south-west provinces in their support and loyalty towards the Central Government."

The Kwangsi military authorities officially announced the abolition as from April 1 of the 5th Route Army Headquarters, which has acted for many years as an independent military command of the Kwangsi armies. The Kwangsi armies, according to the announcement, "will benceforth follow all other Central Government designations."

The Yunnan Provincial Government announcement that "the mint in Kunming will be transferred to the Central Government and is to be known as the Yunnan branch of the Central Mint."—Reuter.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Chaksang	Hongkong	Jardine
Tingsang	Tientsin	Jardine
Tyosa M.	Keelung	O.S.K.
Com. Paolini	Wenchow	I.C.R.N.
Don Jose	Ningpo	C.A.S.S.
Irisbank	Hongkong	Lacey & C.
Arendskerk	Japan	J.C.J.L.
Cing. Prince	Manila	Jardine
Wusueh	Hsinkong	B.&S.
Queen Anne	Hongkong	Dodwell
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Tseangtah	Tungchow	Mow Tung
Ariadne Moller	Tientsin	C.F.S.S.
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Anti-British Parade In Hankow April 15

Questioned as to whether participation in the anti-British parade scheduled to take place in Hankow on April 15 would be forthcoming, a spokesman at the Japanese press conference yesterday said that he did not know.

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ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19 000	May 3	May 5	May 23
ms. Dempo	17,000	May 10	May 12	May 30
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	May 24	May 26	June 15
ms. Indrapoera	10,800	June 7	June 9	June 28
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,100	June 14	June 16	July 5
ms. Baloeran	17,000	June 21	June 23	July 12
ss. Jan Pieterszoon Coen	11,140	June 28	June 30	July 22
ms. Christiaan Huygens	15,700	July 5	July 7	July 26
ms. Sibajak	12,000	July 12	July 14	Aug. 2
ss. Slamat	11,600	July 19	July 21	Aug. 9
ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19,000	July 26	July 28	Aug. 16
ms. Dempo	17,000	Aug. 2	Aug. 4	Aug. 23
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Sept. 7
ms. Indrapoera	10,800	Aug. 23	Aug. 25	Sept. 13

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Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
WEDNESDAY, April 5.				
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.		8.00	8.30
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Taksang		8.30	9.00
Kwangtung	Taksang		8.00	8.30
Weihaiwei	St. V. de Paul		8.30	9.00
Wenchow	C. Paolini		12.30	13.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Chaksang		12.30	13.00
Ningpo	Don Jose		13.30	14.00
H'kong Aust. N.Z. Europe	Marburg	AY	15.00	15.30
Aust. N.Z. and Manila	Emp. Canada		15.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	Emp. Canada		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Wenchow	Don Joao		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, April 6.				
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	Tyosa M.		*20.00	7.30
Aust. (Y) N.Z. (Y) Manila (Y) and Java Ports	Tjisadane	B	*20.00	8.00
Amoy and Hongkong	Tjisadane		7.30	8.00
Aust. N.Z. and Manila	Arendskerk	C	8.00	9.00
Hongkong and Canton	Arendskerk		8.30	9.00
Swatow and Hongkong	Tingsang		9.00	9.30
Kwangtung	Tingsang		9.00	9.30
Ningpo	Hsin Peking		12.30	13.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Tachi M.		13.30	14.00
Hongkong and Canton	Irisbank	X	15.30	16.00
Foochow	Shinfu		16.30	17.00
FRIDAY, April 7.				
Swatow and Hongkon	Suiyang		9.00	9.30
Kwangtung	Suiyang		9.00	9.30
Amoy	Kanchow		9.30	10.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Kwaisang		10.00	10.30
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Chingyang M.	X	13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Soochow	D	—	—
Foochow	Gran	X	18.30	19.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Yusang		19.30	20.00

* The night before.
A • Parcel mail for Ceyon, France, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 5th.
B Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 5th.
C Parcel mail for Holland, closes at 16.00 on 5th.
D Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 7th.
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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Empress of Canada, on April 5, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles and London on April 17.
Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Arendskerk, on April 6, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due San Francisco on April 19.
Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Corfu, on April 11, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on April 21, and London on April 22.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Corfu, on April 11, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Amsterdam on April 25, and London on April 26.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary. Mails for America may be sent on April 5, by air mail to Japan for connection with ss. Empress of Asia, leaving Yokohama on April 7.

Domestic Air Mail

Air Mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)
Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Chenghsien; Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m. Express mails for Nanking and Chinkiang local close daily at 8.45 a.m.
Light mails for Kiangpei Offices west and north of Jukao via Chinkiang close daily at 9.30 p.m.
Light mails for or via Hangchow close daily at 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.; for S.H.N.R. daily at 9 a.m.
Light mails for or via T.P.R. and north Pinghan close daily at 9.30 p.m.
Light mails for Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang by occasional sailings direct to Hankow.
Light mails for or via River Ports beyond Nanchang per available steamer via Ninghsien to Kian for transmission.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.
Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
ss. Corfu, via Suez, April 11, due London May 13.
ss. President Coolidge, via Pacific, April 12, due London May 16.
ss. Ajax, via Suez, April 14, due London May 19.

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Chaksang, April 3, from **Hongkong and Ports**: Mr. H. J. Fountain, Mr. K. Ling, Miss V. Pikiel, Mr. H. Young, Sgt. & Mrs. L. Sadler, Mrs. Jones and infant, Mr. Wong.

Per Tingsang, April 4, from **Tientsin**: Mrs. Nielson, Mrs. Margot, Mr. & Mrs. Greenberg, Master Greenberg, Mr. Suhren, Mr. Gershenovich, Mr. A. G. Sesko, Mr. E. P. Carrington, Mr. J. B. Gardiner, Mrs. Pollon, Miss E. Galaktionoff, Miss T. Galaktionoff, Mr. V. G. MacDonald, Mrs. Kopilevich, Mr. Sesano, Mrs. Sidorenko, from **Chefoo**: Mr. M. C. Maguire, from **Tsingtao**: Mr. G. P. Charlton, Mr. L. A. Kolot.

Vessels Discharging

HANS RICKMERS. From Hamburg and Antwerp via ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf under terms and conditions of the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Examination of damaged cargo to be held on Thursday, April 6, at 9 a.m. at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf by Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Rickmers-Linie, 9, Ave. Edw. VII, Tel. 83308. 5-4

IRISBANK. The American-Oriental Line m.v. Irisbank, from U.S.A. via Ports.—This vessel is now discharging her cargo (except Prohibited Articles and Dangerous Goods) at Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by Consignees of cargo. All Claims against this vessel must be sent in before April 20, 1939, or they will not be recognised. Damaged cargo will be examined on Wednesday, April 12, at 9 a.m. Bills of Lading must be produced at the examination. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd., Agents, American-Oriental Line. 5-4

CINGALESE PRINCE. The m.v. Cingalese Prince, from New York and Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo (except Opium and Munitions of War), at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf, Hongkew. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their cargo. (Consignees of "Bulk Cargo," will further be required to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst it is being landed). All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fourteen days from date of vessel's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risk of Fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Cinsignees of cargo. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf on April 11, at 9 a.m., when Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will be in attendance. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents. 6-4

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From LONDON: Glenaffaric, due a.m., Holt's Wharf.

From VANCOUVER: Empress of Canada, with mail, due 1.30 p.m., Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 3 p.m.

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

From TIENTSIN: Kanchow, due a.m., B. & S. Pootung Wharf.

From HONGKONG: Taiyuan, due 11.30 a.m., French Bund.
Suiyang, due noon, French Bund.
Kwaisang, due noon, Roosevelt Terminal.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA		
Protesilaus	7/2	6/4
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4
Antilochus	4/4	26/5
From COPENHAGEN		
Kina	1/2	10/4
Danmark	1/3	11/5
Africa	1/4	31/5
From OSLO		
Titania	17/2	13/4
Trianon	17/3	20/5
Nanking	28/3	22/5
From HAMBURG		
Regensburg	11/3	15/4
Gneisenau	18/3	21/4
Trianon	28/3	20/5
Nanking	1/4	22/5
From BREMEN		
Kulmerland	21/2	14/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4
Duisburg	21/3	15/5
Sauerland	4/4	23/5
From ROTTERDAM		
Tamara	9/3	25/4
Serooskerk	30/3	13/5
Duisburg	31/3	15/5
From ANTWERP		
Franken	24/2	15/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Gleniffer	4/3	29/4
Lippe	23/3	6/5
Serooskerk	20/3	13/5
Glenshiel	18/3	14/5
Glenfinlas	1/4	27/5
From GLASGOW		
Menestheus	25/2	16/4
Agamemnon	25/3	14/5
From LIVERPOOL		
Teiresias	25/2	14/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4
Aeneas	18/3	1/5
Pyrraus	25/3	9/5
Agamemnon	1/4	14/5
From LONDON		
Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Carthage	10/3	16/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4
Rajputana	24/3	30/4
Haruna M.	31/3	8/5

From LONDON		
Glenshiel	1/4	14/5
Bhutan	1/4	15/5
From MARSEILLES		
J. Laborde	17/3	15/4
Fexil Roussel	31/3	28/4
From GENOA		
Gneisnau	29/3	21/4
C. B'camano	29/3	25/4
From TRIESTE		
Arabia	20/2	20/4
Himalaya	20/3	9/5
From PORT SAID		
Franken	12/3	15/4
Regensburg	22/3	15/4
C. B'camano	2/4	25/4
Fexil Roussel	4/4	28/4
Rajputana	4/4	30/4
Aeneas	30/3	1/5
Danmark	2/4	11/5
From SUEZ		
Nordmark	27/3	22/4
Hakusan M.	31/3	24/4
Bellerophon	28/3	28/4
Gleniffer	30/3	29/4
From COLOMBO		
Carthage	2/4	16/4
Bangalore	31/3	17/4
Arabia	26/3	20/4
From PENANG		
Glenapp	1/4	16/4
From SINGAPORE		
Kulmerland	4/4	14/4
Teiresias	30/3	14/4
Atlas M.	31/3	15/4
Abberkerk	1/4	15/4
J. Laborde	5/4	15/4
Menesthaus	2/4	16/4
From SOERABAIA		
Tjibadak	3/4	20/4
Tjinegara	7/4	22/4
From BATAVIA		
Tjibadak	6/4	20/4
From MANILA		
Kina	23/3	10/4
P. Coolidge	5/4	10/4
Titania	3/4	13/4
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		
C. Athens	18/2	19/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Agapenor	27/2	25/4
Foylebank	6/3	27/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
Silversandal	23/3	7/5
Laura Maersk	25/3	10/5
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5
Dardanus	27/3	19/5
From SAVANNAH		
Siversandal	26/3	7/5
Laura Maersk	30/3	10/5
Dardanus	1/4	19/5
From SANTOS		
Atlas M.	13/2	15/4
From VANCOUVER		
Emp. Russia	1/4	17/4
From SEATTLE		
Talthybius	2/4	2/5
From LOS ANGELES		
Silverteak	10/3	11/4
Asama M.	14/3	12/4
Ivaran	20/3	19/4

From LOS ANGELES		
Niel Maersk	1/4	27/4
Tatuta M.	27/3	29/4
From SAN FRANCISCO		
Silverteak	16/3	11/4
Malay Prince	28/3	24/4
Agapenor	26/3	25/4
From HONOLULU		
Tatuta M.	4/4	29/4
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		
From OTARU		
Somali	4/4	17/4
From YOKOHAMA		
Corfu	4/4	10/4
Asama M.	1/4	12/4
From KOBE		
Oldenburg	5/4	8/4
From NAGASAKI		
Nagasaki M.	6/4	7/4
From KEELUNG (Formosa)		
Hukuken M.	4/4	9/4

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN		
Tegelberg	15/3	22/4
From DURBAN		
Atlas M.	14/3	15/4
From MOMBASSA		
Tegelberg	2/4	22/4
From MELBOURNE		
Nellore	4/3	10/4
Tanda	1/4	11/5
From SYDNEY		
Sydney M.	17/3	6/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Glenbeg	1/4	6/4
Tsingtao M.	5/4	7/4
Hangsang	4/4	7/4
Talleyrand	5/4	18/4
From CHANWANGTAO		
Sinkiang	3/4	8/4
From TIENTSIN		
Fausang	5/4	9/4
Shengking	6/4	9/4
Wingsang	7/4	10/4
Taiseunhong	8/4	12/4
From HONGKONG		
Soochow	2/4	6/4
Yusang	2/4	6/4
Protesilaus	3/4	6/4
Terukuni M.	4/4	7/4
Szechuen	4/4	8/4
Wosang	6/4	9/4
Nellore	4/4	10/4
Tsinan	5/4	10/4
Wingsang	5/4	10/4
Kwangtung	6/4	11/4
Yatshing	6/4	11/4

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

CHAKSANG Apr. 5. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Wednesday, April 5, at 3.30 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. Tender from Customs Jetty 3 p.m. Wednesday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 5-4

KWAISANG Apr. 7. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Friday, April 7, at 1 p.m. Tender from Customs Jetty noon Friday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel 15290. 7-4

PROTESILAUS Apr. 7. TAKU BAR, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 7-4

SHUNTIEN Apr. 8. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 8-4

YUSANG Apr. 8. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, April 8, at 5 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 7-4

WOSANG Apr. 11. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, April 11, at 7.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 10-4

SOUTH CHINA COAST

TAKSANG Apr. 5. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, April 5, at 11 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 5-4

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

TINGSANG Apr. 6. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf Thursday, April 6, at 11.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 6-4

TJISADANE Apr. 6. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjisadane sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, April 6, at 11 a.m., passenger's tender leaves Custom Jetty at 9.30 a.m., taking cargo to Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 5-4

HSIN PEKING Apr. 7. NINGPO.—From French Bund on Friday, April 7 at 4.30 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel 82020 (French Bund). 7-4

KANCHOW Apr. 7. AMOY, HSINGWHA and CHUANCHOW.—From French Bund on Friday, April 7, at noon. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 7-4

SUIYANG Apr. 7. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Friday, April 7 at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 7-4

TAIYUAN Apr. 8. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, April 8, at 12.30 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 8-4

SOOCHOW Apr. 9. AMOY, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, April 9, at 1.30 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 9-4

FAUSANG Apr. 11. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, April 11. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-4

JAPAN

NELLORE Apr. 11. (From Shanghai) MOJI, KOBE, OSAKA and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd. No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428 (3 lines). 11-4

STRAITS AND EUROPE

ARENDSKERK Apr. 5. (Loading on Apr. 5.) ADEN, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID, GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN.—The Holland East Asia Line m.s. Arendskerk sails from Shanghai (Customs Lower Buoys No. 11-12) on April 5, at 3 p.m. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., General Agents Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 5-4

CONTE VERDE Apr. 5. VENICE and TRIESTE via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, PORT SAID and BRINDISI—Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 5-4

MARBURG Apr. 6. ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BELAWAN, COLOMBO.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 6-4

GLENBEG Apr. 7. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290 7-4

CORFU Apr. 11. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 1939. Hand packages only accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, April 10, Customs Permit required for any nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 11-4

OLDENBURG Apr. 11. GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG via PORTS—(Captain C. Dempwolf), on or about April 11, 1939. For freight and passage, please apply to Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Filiale Shanghai, 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 11-4

TALLEYRAND Apr. 14. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—Motor vessel Talleyrand of the Wilhelmsen lines will be despatched from Shanghai on or about April 15, for the above-mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading issued for all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. For freight or passage please apply to Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 14-4

AJAX Apr. 15. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 15-4

SOMALI Apr. 18. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—For Freight Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 18-4

CANTON Apr. 25. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Hand packages only accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, April 24, Customs Permit required for any nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 25-4

AUSTRALASIA

NELLORE Apr. 11. (From Shanghai) RABAUL, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via JAPAN and PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd. No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 11-4

CHANGTE Apr. 18. (From Hongkong) MANILA, THURSDAY I., CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE. For freight and passage apply A.-O. Line Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 18-4

Weather, Time and Tide

Wednesday, April 5, 1939 (16th day of 2nd moon)	SICCAWEI April 3 16.00	April 3 21.00	April 4 4.00	April 4 9.00
Barometer inches	30.28	30.35	30.35	30.39
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.27	+0.16	+0.16	+0.08
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	+0.09	+0.04	+.007	+0.04
Wind (direction)	NNW	NNW	WNW	NW
,, (miles per hour)	12.4	8.1	5.0	6.8
Temperature (Fahr.)	46.9°	41.7°	38.7°	45.3°
Humidity %	55	28	78	59
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	9	10	10	5
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report April 3	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.28	+0.24	30.06
Temp. Min. 39.°9 Max. 54.°3	47.°1	+1.°2	52.°2
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	9.64	0.00	7.84

Time and Tide	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.39	5.38	5.37	5.36	5.35
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.15	18.15	18.16	18.17	18.18
Moon rises at Shanghai	19.33	20.35	21.34	22.29	23.20
Moon sets at Shanghai	6.06	6.49	7.35	8.22	9.11
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	11.26	11.42	12.20	12.45	13.20
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	16.10	16.47	17.30	18.06	6.20
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	12.48	13.21	13.55	14.25	15.00
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	10.65	10.95	10.65	10.09	9.15

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Hans Rickmers	Ger.	Rickmers
Liwo	Br.	Jardine
Whangpu	Br.	B.&S.
Tjisaroea	Neth.	J.C.J.L.
Anna Maersk	Dan.	Melchers
Tilawa	Br.	Mackenzie
Pluto	Ital.	C.I.N.
Misaki M.	Jap.	Showa S.
Pronto	Nor.	Melchers
Erica Moller	Br.	Mollers'
Liangchow	Br.	B.&S.
Mohlenhof	Ger.	Carlowitz

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Cardiff	Br.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Gnat	Br.	Gbt.	C.L.T.B. 2-3
Peterel	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Scorpion	Br.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Tern	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Isabel	Am.	Slp.	B.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Ramapo	Am.	T.-S.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
S. de Brazza	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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via Hongkong and Manila
From Hongkong
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TAIYO MARU ..... Apr. 11
TAIYO MARU ..... Apr. 21

Nagasaki Express Service
SHANGHAI MARU .. Apr. 6
NAGASAKI MARU ... Apr. 8
SHANGHAI MARU .. Apr. 11
NAGASAKI MARU .. Apr. 13
SHANGHAI MARU .. Apr. 16

Shanghai-Yokohama.
TERUKUNI MARU . Apr. 8
HAKUSAN MARU .... Apr. 25

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C	AGAPENOR	May 4	Liverpool, Bromborough and Glasgow
B	MENESTHEUS	May 13	M'lles, London, R'dam, H'burg and Glasgow.
A	AENEAS	May 27	M'lles, London, Rotterdam and Glasgow.

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		From	Due	Sails	For
C	PROTESILAUS	Gdynia	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Taku and Japan
C	TEIRESIAS	Liverpool	Apr. 14	Apr. 15	Japan
B	MENESTHEUS	Liverpool	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Japan
B	DIOMED	Liverpool	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Japan Ports
C	AGAPENOR	New York	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Japan
	BELLEROPHON	Gdynia	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Taku, Dairen and Japan
A	AENEAS	Liverpool	May 1	May 2	Tsingtao Taku and Dairen
C	TALTHYBIUS	Pacific Coast	May 2	May 5	Hongkong

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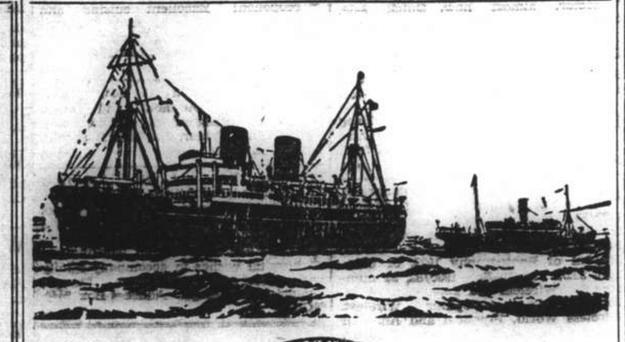

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	25	†CANTON	16,000
May	9	CARTHAGE	15,000
	16	‡*BANGALORE	6,100
	23	RAJPUTANA	17,000
June	6	RANCHI	17,000
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			Maréchal Joffre	Schedule to be submitted at a later date		
Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Jean Laborde	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	Apr. 25
Apr. 28	May 1	May 3	Félix Roussel	May 6	May 8	May 9
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Wealth of Japan Held by Few

Small Group Controls Enormous Capital and Wide Scope of Activity

Tokyo, Apr. 3.

An expert investigation of 78 Japanese joint-stock companies, to determine the number of individual shareholders possessing more than a thousand shares in each, reveals that in May last year there were 7,010, an unusually small number compared with that in other countries. This small group controlled a total of Y.3,818000,000 (£225,000,000), or 71 per cent. of the total paid-up capitalization of the companies investigated, which totalled Y5,380,000,000 or £316,000,000.

The companies selected for the investigation included eight banks, two stock-exchanges, eight railway companies, two shipping firms, nine electric light and power companies, eight spinning concerns, six rayon factories, two silk-reeling plants, two staple-fibre manufacturing concerns, three sugar refineries, three flour-mills, two fishery companies, five mining groups, four chemical plants, seven shipbuilding and engineering companies, three cement plants and four other companies.

Chief Shareholders

Among large shareholders are the Japanese Ministry of Finance, the Manchoukuo Government, the Manchuria Industrial Development Corporation, the Toden Securities Holding Company, the Mitsui Gomei Kaisha, the First Mutual Insurance Company, the Teikoku (Imperial) Life Insurance Company, and the Imperial Household Department. Life insurance companies are heavy investors in stocks and naturally hold a large amount of shares. The Japanese Ministry of Finance, the heaviest investor of all, holds shares only in the Japan Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company and the South Manchuria Railway Co. The Japanese Government holds one half of the huge South Manchuria Railway capital-issues and the bulk of Japan Iron and Steel Manufacturing shares.

The Manchukuo Government exclusively holds shares of the Manchuria Industrial Development, known by "Mangyo," an industrial trust which is a new rival to the Mitsui, Mitsubishi and Sumitomo interests.

The Imperial Household Department has very large shareholdings in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Mitsui Bank, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the Hokkaido Colliery and Steamship Company, the Hypothec Bank, the Oji Paper Company, the South Manchuria Railway, the Tokyo Electric Light and Power Company, the Mitsubishi Bank, the Sumitomo Bank, the Bank of Japan and Taiwan sugar interests.—Reuter.

Vegetarian Society Reorganized

Lectures and Exhibitions of Cooking to be Given

In 1937, the Vegetarian Society of China was formed but owing to the hostilities it got no further than its formation.

As a result of impetus given by correspondence in the columns of the "North-China Daily News," on Monday evening, a meeting of those interested was called with the object of reviving the society, and the following were elected as officers: President, Mr. E. C. Meisler; vice-President, Mr. A. F. Knudsen; Treasurer, Dr. C. L. Dale; Secretary, Mr. R. Wright; Committee: Mrs. R. W. Paul, Mrs. R. Wright, Dr. A. W. Truman and Mr. J. K. Chang.

It was decided that in order to interest the public in the work of the society, public lectures and vegetarian cooking demonstrations would be given once a month. Plans were made for the publication of literature pointing out the advantages to be derived from a meatless diet. It was felt that once the society got under way, the Shanghai public would quickly show interest in the movement.

The society is international in character and invites anyone interested to communicate with the Secretary, P. O. Box 1281.

Holy Week Musical Programme

Orchestra and Choir to Be Heard at Lyceum

The Conductor of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra who will conduct tomorrow night, at 9.15 p.m., in the Lyceum, the first performance in Shanghai of the famous Oratorium "The Resurrection of Christ" by Don Lorenzo Perosi, preceded by the well-known "Stabat Mater" by Pergolesi, has sent us a copy of the booklet-programme which is now on sale at the Lyceum Booking-Office and at the Music House of Lazaro Bros.

The booklet, with a beautiful cover in white, gold and red, is not an ordinary concert programme but an artistic souvenir of the 1939 Holy Week in Shanghai and of the announced two special performances of sacred music, for it actually contains the sacred texts in seven languages: Latin, Italian, English, French, German, Russian and Chinese.

For these extraordinary performances, the conductor has engaged six well-known and distinguished solo vocalists, has assembled a chorus of 150 voices, and will have, of course, under his baton the full Municipal Orchestra.

A great musical event is in store for Shanghai's music-loving public.

Japanese Ship Refloated Off Penang

Tokyo, Apr. 3.

Kameo Hazama, and twenty other Japanese divers of the shipping department of the Japan Industrial Company, returned to Kobe today aboard the N.Y.K. liner Suwa Maru, after successfully refloating the Japanese vessel Tonkin Maru off the Straits Settlements. In a press interview, Hazama said that he and his party of divers had been favoured by fine weather throughout, and had been able to refloat the vessel within 45 days.—Reuter.

British Unemployment Much Reduced

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

Improvement in almost every industry in Great Britain during the past month is reflected by the figures showing a decrease of 169,000 in the number of unemployed on March 13, as compared with February 13. The unemployed totalled 1,726,000 on March 13—the lowest figure to be recorded since December, 1937.—Reuter.

Vegetable Garden in Indian Ocean

Isolated Cable Staff Thank Man Who Made It Possible

A curious story of the transfer of soil from one island in the Indian Ocean to another was told last week at a presentation made by Mr. Edward Wilshaw J.P., Chairman of Cable & Wireless Limited, at the Company's headquarters in London to Mr. W. B. Jackson, Assistant Manager of the Phosphate Company at Christmas Island.

Mr. Jackson has facilitated shipments of soil from Christmas Island to the Cocos Islands on which is situated an important cable station on main line submarine telegraph route to Australia. Cocos Islands are coral atoll almost equidistant between Australia and Ceylon. The soil received from Christmas Island has enabled the Cable & Wireless staff at Cocos to lay out five gardens, thus providing sufficient fresh vegetables and salad for staff stationed at this isolated outpost of Empire and offering welcome alternative to tinned foods.

In appreciation of this action and the frequent hospitality extended to staff travelling between Singapore and Cocos, the Cable & Wireless staff on the island subscribed for presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson which was handed to them by Chairman of Cable & Wireless Limited in presence of other directors and officials of the Company.

Motor Cars Involved In Yesterday's Fires

Four Houses Damaged In Hongkew Blaze

A tailoring establishment at 266 Thorburn Road was gutted and three adjoining houses slightly damaged when a fire broke out at 11.50 a.m. yesterday, machines from Yangtzepoo and Hongkew attending. No-one was injured and the prompt intervention on the part of the fire-fighters prevented the spread of the flames. The blaze was put under control after nearly one hour and thirty minutes of hard work on the part of the brigade.

A Vauxhall Saloon motor-car, bearing licence number 514, was saved from destruction by fire by the presence of mind of the driver, who, on finding that the battery wiring was defective, switched off the current. This occurred in the Central police station compound, shortly after 2.30 p.m. yesterday afternoon and the engines from Central fire station which had been summoned left four minutes after they had arrived at the scene finding that their services were not required.

A private motor-car, bearing licence No. 20474, was not saved from the flames however when it caught fire whilst parked at the corner of North Szechuen and Jukong Roads at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Engines from Hongkew fire station, which answered the alarm, eventually put the flames under control, although the vehicle was damaged beyond repair.

Foreign Women Victims Of Bagsnatchers

Knocked Down While on Walk on Hart Road

Two foreign women were assaulted yesterday evening by bag-snatchers in Hart Road in the neighbourhood of Wuting Road at about 6.50 p.m. The snatchers got away with the bag belonging to one of the women containing about $60 in notes and many other valuables.

The robbery occurred as Mrs. A. Whaley and Mrs. J. M. D. Hoste were walking along Hart Road towards the latter's home. As they approached a coal yard just beyond Wuting Road, a man rushed out from the shadow of a bamboo fence and grabbed Mrs. Whaley's bag. Mrs. Whaley immediately turned in pursuit of the man, but an accomplice, who was evidently also hidden in the shadow of the fence, rushed out and threw her to the ground.

On seeing her friend knocked down, Mrs. Hoste rushed to her assistance, but the same accomplice turned and knocked her down. While the two women were still on the ground the robbers made their escape. A watchman near the scene blew his police whistle, but assistance did not arrive before the robbers had disappeared down a convenient alleyway.

More German Votes in Danish Elections

Little Change Shown in Status of Parties

Copenhagen, Apr. 4.

The German Party has failed to increase its representation for North Sleswig in the Folketing, or the Lower House, to two seats, as the result of the Parliamentary elections.

North Sleswig was annexed by Bismarck in 1866 and was returned to Denmark by a plebiscite after the European War.

The German Party had hoped to return anothter member as well as Herr Moeller, their leader. The Party, nevertheless, polled nearly 15,000 votes, compared to over 12,500 in the 1935 elections. Danish parties polled 82,500 votes. The status of the parties show little change, although th Liberals scored to a small extent at the expense of the Social Democrat and Radical Government coalition. The Danish National Socialist Party, hitherto not represented in Parliament, returned three members.

The main point of issue in the present elections is the future constitution of Denmark.—Reuter.

Opening of Pearl River Denied

Japanese Will Stay in Canton Till Hostilities Have Been Ended

Canton, Apr. 4.

In view of persistent local rumours that the Pearl River will shortly be reopened, the Japanese anthorities have officially announced that, "from the strategic point of view, the time of opening of the river cannot be anticipated."

At the same time, Colonel Tamura, Director of the Army Intelligence Bureau, states that the Japanese army has no idea of evacuating Canton, "as rumoured abroad, but will stay until peace and order in the city have been restored and the present conflict is settled."

Colonel Tamura describes as "ridiculous" reports alleged to have appeared in newspapers published outside Canton, that the Japanese army is shortly withdrawing from Canton.

"So long as the present trouble lasts, and conditions in Japanese-occupied regions remain unstabilized," he adds, "our army is going to stay."—Reuter.

Question in Commons

London, Apr. 3.

The British Government is taking all possible steps to secure the reopening of the Pearl River at the earliest date, Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons during question-time today.—Havas.

Britain Ready to Send Arms for Rumania

Naval and Army Supplies Included in Offer

London, Apr. 3.

The British Government, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons today, is prepared at all times to give sympathetic consideration to the possibility of meeting the armaments requirements of Rumania. This, Mr. Butler added, applied both to naval and other spheres.—Reuter.

Rumanian Comment

Bucharest, Apr. 3.

"When Great Britain gets to work, she really works," a prominent diplomat told Reuter today, commenting on the statement made by Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons on the subject of Rumanian armaments.

The diplomat said Britain realized the possible threat to her Empire if an aggressor reached the Black Sea and the Dardanelles, and for this reason she was taking action.

It is learned here that Britain has already made enquiries regarding Rumania's needs for defence. Official circles are extremely optimistic.—Reuter.

Hospital Employees Held for Fraud

Charged with fraud, three Chinese employees of the Paulun Hospital in Burkill Road were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday by the Sinza police, but judgment was reserved pending furher investigations. It was alleged that the trio had taken a sum of money by fraudulent means by virtue of their position as minor employees of the hospital. A foreign inspector of the hospital discovered the trick and reported the matter to the police. It was further alleged that the accused had been re-selling examination cards to patients. Since the price of each such card is $1 the loss of a dollar to the hospital meant a dollar's gain to the accused.

Japanese Broadcasting Station in Canton

Canton, Apr. 4.

With all preparations nearing completion, the Japanese authorities here expect to begin broadcasting from Canton in the near future, probably within a week. The call-sign of the station, which is said to be practically ready, will be HDOK, and all broadcasts will be on short waves.

According to a tentative programme, broadcasts will be made in English and Chinese, and will include lectures, news—foreign, local and on the Sino-Japanese war—and musical recordings.

The strength of the station is said to be 780 kilowatts.—Reuter.

Stoke City Cancels Tour of Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 3.

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SHIRTS and pyjamas made to measure, Genuine silk and English materials, from $6.50. Razon's, Central Road. 11811

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FINANCIER, either Chinese or foreign, to assist in a profitable enterprise. Only $3,000 required. Address Box 2513, NCDN. -4197

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Wanted to Purchase

ACME Commodity and Phrase Code; Bentley's Complete Phrase Code; Bentley's Second Phrase Code; second-hand but in good condition. Address Box 2540, NCDN. 11935

WANTED foreign canned goods, all kinds, for provision store, lowest terms and particulars. Box 2514, NCDN. -4200

WANTED. A carved and pierced jewel jade piece 24 mm. wide by 39½ mm. long to replace piece lost from brooch. Should be light shade best quality and cut very thin. Send full description including price desired to Post Office, Box 609, Shanghai. 11849

SECOND-hand cash register machine in perfect condition. Price desired and full particulars to Box 2373, NCDN. -3979

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KAY, waiting for you Friday 8.30 p.m., entrance mentioned hotel. Please wear flowers. Foreign Gentleman. -4199

MISS RAY. A mutual friend mentioned you to me. Would like to meet you. Please drop a line to Box 2506 NCDN. 11916

RUSSIAN widow, 32, attractive, desires to meet a foreign, serious gentleman; view matrimony. Address Box 2420, NCDN. -4053

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COUNTRY Hotel, Kiaochow, Pootung, reopened! Excellent cuisine and good service. Former City Government Ferries leaving daily Jinkee Road Jetty at usual hours, no pass needed. -4203

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FOR SALE: Majestic radio, 8-tube, full cabinet model with electric gramophone and pick-up. $100 or nearest offer. Also three 16-inch desk fans. $30 each or nearest offer. Apply 5-7 p.m., 414 Embankment Building. -4123

Motor Cars and Cycles

VAUXHALL 1934, four-door sedan, 18 m.p.g., leather upholstery. Engine and body and tyres like new. Owner-driven, $2,100. Box 2538, NCDN. -4248

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FORD de luxe four-door sedan, 85, 1936, mileage 25,000. US$700. Address Box 2512, NCDN. 11932

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1933/4 Austin 16/6 saloon de luxe. Excellent condition. Owner transferred. Address Box 2531, NCDN. -4235

WANTED, small 4-door sedan, not later than 1936. Must be in good condition. Box 2392, NCDN. -4019

WANTED used motor-cars, any model, pay cash. Telephone 39935. -3567

RETREAD your tyres, they give you new mileage, style and safety at half the price of new tyres. Asiatic Retreading Company, 640 Avenue Foch, Telephone 34612. 11573

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1936 De Soto air-flow, in perfect condition, low mileage, at cheap price. Address Box 2490, NCDN. -4173

HILLMAN 1934 sedan, four doors, six cylinders, perfect condition. Telephone 71920 office time. -4164

CITROEN, 1934, 4 cylinders, 4 doors, A1 condition. Owner driver. Good opportunity. Telephone 72398, office time 72593. -4152

1930/31 Morris Minor saloon, engine excellent condition, recently overhauled. Good tyres and battery. $850. Address Box 2461, NCDN. -4124

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FOR SALE, motor house-boat, two cabins, galley, lavatory, four bunks. Price complete, $750. Address Box 2519, NCDN. 11939

14 ft. sailing dinghy, centre board, new sails and in perfect condition. Price $500. No offers. Address Box 2520, NCDN. 11933

WANTED to buy sailing boat or yacht, preferably with auxiliary motor. Reply stating price to Box 2462, NCDN. -4126

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OWING to transfer employer would like to place cook-boy who has served her in that capacity for 11 years. Unqualified recommendation in every way. Address Box 2547, NCDN. 11942

WANTED. Visiting wash-and-mend amah, 1½ days weekly, $10. Recommender please telephone 20835 after 7 p.m. -4247

GOOD cook-boy, quiet, courteous, good cook, clean and honest servant, seeks position. Recommended. Box 2536, NCDN. -4244

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WANTED to rent, six months or longer, 2, 3-roomed apartment, preferably furnished and down town. Please telephone 11070. Handley-Derry, during office hours. -4229

WANTED two, three or four rooms with kitchen or use of it, bath and w.c. Hongkew excluded. Address Box 2533, NCDN. -4236

WANTED two-roomed, furnished or unfurnished apartment, with all modern conveniences. No objection to lease one for six months. Preferably French Concession. Box 2516, NCDN. -4207

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2-ROOMED flat/part house required by quiet couple from end May at reasonable rent. Box 2466, NCDN. -4132

WANTED May 1, large, airy, bed-sitting room with verandah, attached bath, full board, for married couple. Terms about $220. French Concession. Box 2453, NCDN. -4107

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Offices, Shops, Godowns

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TWO-roomed office, with all modern conveniences. Fixtures to be taken over. Rent $40. Central district. Telephone 18263. -4239

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FURNISHED room facing south, private bath, $50 monthly, for single person, vicinity Yates Road. Box 2518, NCDN. -4217

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COSY, furnished room in quiet house. All conveniences. Garden. Bachelor only. Bus stops 7/9. House 600/1 Avenue Haig. -4090

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FLAT, rooms in detached house, quiet, cool in summer. Good for family. Telephone 71338. -4205

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Unfurnished Apartments

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